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Election Date Set For Toledo Steel Products Co.

NLRB Will Conduct Election Dec. 30

December 30 has been set for the election to be held held under the NLRB at the Toledo Steel Products Co., in an order from the board Dec. 18.

The Toledo Steel Products has been in process of organization by Local 12, UAW-CIO since last August, and claims have been made that the CIO has a substantial majority of the employes of the plant.

This is not the first time the Toledo Steel Products has been organized by the CIO. After a two day strike in 1937, the men went back to work after efforts of the Toledo Peace Board effected a settlement.

Thompson Products Subsidiary

As a subsidiary of the Thompson Products Co. of Cleveland, the Toledo plant has been slow in getting into the CIO, presumably because of the antagonism of the parent firm to the organization.

Frederick C. Crawford, recently elected president of the NAM at its annual convention in New York, is charged by the Cleveland CIO newspaper with having spent $50,000 in fighting the CIO since 1936, and that he has cost the NLRB board thousands of dollars in enforcing its decrees against him.

The Cleveland CIO has suggested that Crawford cease fighting the Union and start fighting Hitler, and that he spend the next $50,000 buying war bonds instead of resisting the NLRB.

Spontaneous Action

In their desire to get into the CIO, the employes of the Toledo Steel Products came in a body to Local 12 and expressed their desire to become a part of the UAW. As a result of their determination to rid themselves of anything that was suggestive of company domination, they are now having an election.

The company which never gave anything to their employes in at least eight years, this year is going to have a nice Christmas tree for the workers and pass out free eats and maybe presents just a few days before the election.

Hour for the voting will be 6:30 A. M. to 9:30 A. M.; 3:00 P.-M. to 4:30 P. M.

Anything can happen in an election; but if the sentiments heard from the Toledo Steel Products workers are any indication, it should end in an overwhelming victory for the employes becoming a part of the Local 12, UAW-CIO.

BULLETIN

Word was received today by Walter Murphy, Local 12 president that a conciliator had been appointed in the Swartzbaugh case and would be an hand in a few days to try and effect a settlement.

Swartzbaugh Refuses To Budge

Stalemate Needs Services Of Conciliator

After weeks of patiently trying to negotiate a contract for the employes of the Swartzbaugh Mfg. Co. who voted overwhelmingly in favor of the UAW-CIO, settlement, of differences between the company and Local 12 seems as far away as ever.

Walter Murphy, Local 12 president, announced that John R. Steelman of the U. S. Conciliation Service had been asked, Dec. 21 to assist in the settlement of contract differences with the Swartzbaugh Co. The request was made by Local 12.

In making the announcement of the request for a conciliator, Mr. Murphy said, "everything humanly possible has been done to effect a settlement, but the company refuses to budge and we must settle the contract soon".

Last Resort

President Murphy made it clear that the conciliation service was requested only as a last resort after Charles E. Swartzbaugh, company president had used up hours of his own and Local representative Edward Duck's time and not accomplished an agreed contract, satisfactory to both the company and union.

Actual decision to submit the case to conciliation came last week, when Mr. Swartzbaugh took the position that if he had to make the contract retroactive to Oct. 4th, or which he had previously signed an agreement, that he could offer nothing in the way of wage increases. He would, he said, be willing to consider a general increase, together with other adjustments, if the raises were in effect Jan. 1, 1943. In effect, Mr. Swartzbaugh indicated he was tearing up the retroactive agreement which he had already signed.

Cancels Previous Agreement

Prior to Local 12 asking for government conciliators, Mr. Swartzbaugh sent a registered letter to the Local 12 in a plain envelope bearing no return address in order to make certain it would be accepted, notifying the Union that the previous agreement was cancelled as of Dec. 12th.

Principal differences between the union and Swartzbaugh Co. lie in the complete abolition of the merit system, which is decided on by the superintendent, assistant superintendent and foreman, and the inequalities between employes engaged in doing similar work.

President Murphy accused the Swartzbaugh Co. of being hypertechnical. He said, "During the weeks of negotiations between the Swartzbaugh management and union, the company has used eight representatives in its meetings with us and has engaged in an orgy of hypothetical questions and far-fetched objections which delayed settlement. Until the past two weeks," continued Murphy, "they had agreed definitely to practically nothing, and we got tired of being stalled off".

UAW Enters Health Field

Department To Aid Workers Open January 4

By Federated Press

DETROIT, Dec. 23—The UAW-CIO is formally opening its revived department of health and hygiene Jan. 4, Secretary-Treasurer George F. Addes announces. This important development in service to the union membership comes at a critical period in health protection for American workers, who are now subject to more strain and exposure than in many years.

Dr. James E. Davis, former head of the Wayne University pathology department, will direct the new UAW department and Dr. Morris Raskin, industrial health consultant with long experience in union health matters, will be associated with him, Addes said.

The department will have the entire first floor and most of the ground floor of the former international headquarters at 281 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit. It has been fully equipped for diagnostic work in basal metabolism, electrocardiography (heart), laboratory, X-ray, etc.

There will be special studies of industrial health hazards such as dusts, skin diseases due to industry, safety and accident prevention and also reduction in venereal disease. The primary emphasis will be on conservation of union members' health. No treatments will be given as the union is not practicing medicine beyond the diagnostic phase.

Many UAW locals are enthusiastically cooperating in the project and are impatient for its full inauguration, which they have been obliged to close its UAW Medical Research Institute in 1937 during urging ever since the union was

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Santa Claus Pleases Local 12 Children at Party

Biggest Christmas Party Ever Given By CIO Gladdens Both Children and Parents

A Santa Claus who danced his way into the hearts of thousands of Local 12's children and clinched it by handing out tons of candy, oranges, games and toys featured Local 12's Annual Christmas party last Sunday afternoon at the Civic Auditorium.

Before the doors of the auditorium were opened, they were waiting, dozens of parents and more dozens of children accompanying them. They came by two's, three's and dozen's. Tall and short, lean and fat, dark and light, white and black, they came to see Santa Claus and enjoy the entertainment which he and Local 12 had prepared for them.

Entertainment Pleases

Walter Murphy, president of Local 12, opened the party with a short talk welcoming the 9000 parents and children to the Christmas party. His brief words of welcome were followed by movies of special appeal to the children, and then, came the big moment—the introduction of Santa Claus.

Santa Claus waved a welcome to the children and then taking the baton handed to him by Bandleader Carmen Broderick, led the Local 12 band in several Christmas selections.

But that was not all that Santa Claus did to entertain the children. He invited one of the ladies from the audience up to the stage and proceeded to dance with her while the delighted shrieks of the children told their joy at discovering that, after all, Santa was human.

Paul Spor, Toledo's well-known entertainment maestro, handled the balance of the entertainment consisting of dancing, singing and xylophone acts, with a dog act thrown in for good measure to win the applause of the children and their parents.

Following are the acts which were presented: Dona Courturiere, singing and dancing; Sana Weber, dancer; Dorothy Stallbaum, dancer; Jacquelyn Reiser, dancer and acrobatic baton swinger; Evelyn Lamson, xylophone soloist and dancer; Wolcott's dogs, Chief Littlefox, whip expert; Wrangling Joe, cowboy singer, and the Five Steel Guitars.

Pass Out Gifts

When the entertainment had come to an end, President Walter Murphy announced that the gifts would be passed out to the children.

They lined up, 4,500 strong to accept from the hands of Santa Claus the gifts which had been prepared for them by Santa and his Christmas Committee. There was no shoving or running ahead, patiently and quietly the little ones filed past old Santa to receive from his hand the many gifts of candy, nuts, books, games and toys prepared for them.

Little ones who got lost from their parents were quickly rounded up and returned to their folks by the W. O. Flying Squadron who did a nice job of keeping order and system to the party.

Party a Success

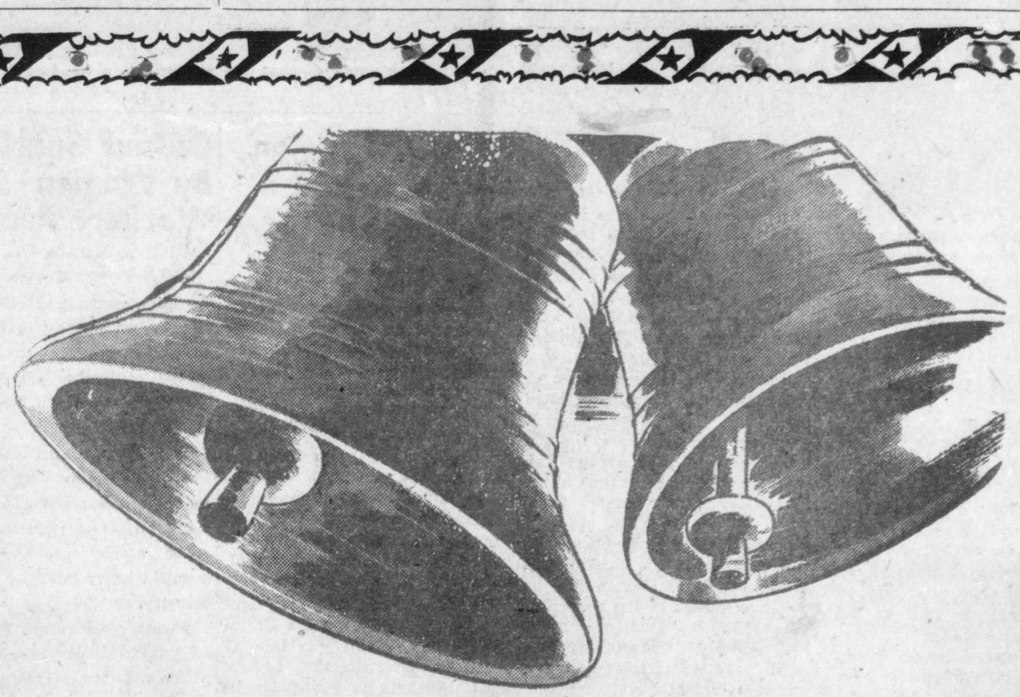
When the party came to an end shortly after 5:00 p. m. all the children had received their presents and everybody was on their way home after pronouncing the party the biggest and the best Local 12, or for that matter, any organization ever had put on in Toledo before.

Walter Murphy, Local 12 president, Tom Burke, Secretary-treasurer of Local 12, and everybody else at the party were unanimous in their praise for the committee which had made the afternoon possible, and all agreed the party was a bigger success than they had anticipated.

Committee members who handled the plans and did the work for the party were grateful for the exceptional turnout and expressed their appreciation to all who aided in making the afternoon an outstanding success.

Following are the members of the committee in charge of the party: Ed Courturiere, chairman, William Joy, Lewis Mattox, Richard Smith, Geo. O'Henry, William Healy and Charles Johnson.

(Pictures of the Christmas party will be found on page 8.)



MERRY CHRISTMAS

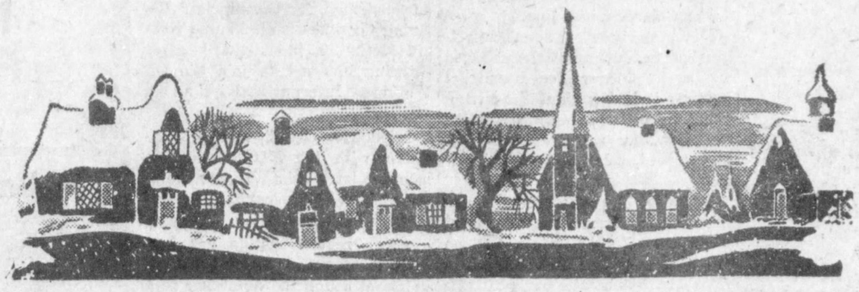
In times like these, it may seem out of place to speak of Peace on Earth—Good Will to Men.

On the other hand, we are in war for principles which we hold dear as liberty-loving and democratic people, in the conviction that true and lasting peace can come only when individual security and justice have been established in all the nations of the world.

Despite war, we hear on all sides cheerful greetings of "Merry Christmas", evidence that all of us seek to capture, if only for the day, something of the spirit that is Chrismas.

And it is in this spirit that we of the Toledo Union Journal, as well as the officers of Local 12, UAW-CIO, extend to our readers and members our sincere wish that, despite the worries and tribulations occasioned by the war, we may find something in the deeper signifance of the day which will fortify us for the future and give us confidence to attack the difficult days ahead with renewed vigor.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas.



NLRB Sets Hearing Date

Surface Combustion Case To Be Reviewed

Municipal Court room No. 3 will be the scene of a NLRB hearing relative to the Surface Combustion Co. employes organization, Monday, Dec. 28 at 10:00 A. M., according to word received by Melvin Schultz, recording secretary of Local 12.

A contract now held by the International Association of Machinists, Local 1511 expires in February. In the meantime, a majority of the men at the plant have signified their desire to be represented by Local 12, UAW-CIO.

Not Raiding Union

Edward Duck, Local 12 organizer in charge of organizational among Surface Combusion employes made it clear that the signing up of members of the plant in no wise constituted "raiding". Said Duck," No one can accuse us of raiding, when the men in the employe of the Surface Combustion were thoroughly displeased with the treatment being given by what they term, the plants "Red Apple Club."

Duck explained that the Red Apple Club consisted of a group of employes and assistant supervisors who attend AF of L meetings and arouse the disgust of the rank-and-file workers by their company-minded attitude.

Refused to Organize Workers

It was explained by Duck that, "we could have organized this plant before the war started, because we had on many occasions been approached by AF of L members who were anxious to have us organize them into our union. Instead, we always turned down their requests, not because we were unwilling to take them into Local 12, but because we positively will not raid another union organization".

"After a vast majority of the employes signified their desire to affiliate with the CIO, there was nothing left for us to do but aid them in their wish", said Duck.

Surface Combusion employes will meet on Monday evening, Dec. 28, at 8:00 P. M. in Parlor N. UAW-CIO headquarters, 425 Winthrop St. for a review of the contract which will be presented to the company. Second shift workers will meet Monday at 2:00 P. M. at 425 Winthrop St.

Results of the NLRB hearing will be announced to Surface Combustion employes at their meeting Monday.

UAW Board Shakes Big Stick At Congress

Promises More Active Roll In Politics

By Federated Press

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18 (FP)—A more active political role for labor to combat anti-union forces in Congress and big business was forecast by the international executive board of the United Auto Workers (CIO), meeting here Dec. 14.

Reflecting mounting resentment of congressional irresponsibility, the UAW board passed a resolution saying it would cancel its no-strike promise if congress abrogates or raises the $25,000 salary limitation order of Pres. Roosevelt.

Congressional abrogation of the order, the resolution said, will be "construed only as congressional enunciation that there exists no necessity for labor to continue in the sacrifice which it has voluntarily been making in aid of the war effort, and as a congressional suggestion that such sacrifices be abandoned."

Pres R. J. Thomas criticized the inept machinery of the Natl. War Labor Board and said greater speed in decisions and enforcement is necessary to speed the war's economy. Plans were made to send more UAW officials to Washington to "concentrate emphasis on the political front."

NEWARK, N. J., (FP)—A proposal that labor withdraw its no-strike pledge as a protest against employers' sabotage was rejected by delegates to the convention of the New Jersey Industrial Union Council Dec. 13.

Warning that any weakening of the no-strike pledge would play into the hands of defeatists, CIO leaders urged full use of government machinery, in which it demanded greater labor representation.

WPB Publishing Division To Get One Labor Spokesman

Labor Newspapers Vitally Interested

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (FP)—As a result of wires and letters of protest on the lack of labor spokesmen in drafting recommendations on proposed reduction of print paper for newspapers, the War Production Board at a late date will make a gesture toward democraticizing its Printing and Publishing Division.

A representative of the AFL printing trades unions has been suggested by the WPB Labor Advisory Committee and will become an assistant to Director William G. Chandler, FP learned.

Meanwhile recommendations of the Division's Newspaper Industry Advisory Committee will be considered by WPB. They call for an order that each newspaper consume in each quarter beginning Jan. 1 not more than the amount of print paper based upon the total tonage required to produce its net pair circulation for the corresponding quarter in 1941.

However, "to reconcile the 1941 base to substantial circulation increases" the WPB may order adjustments, the committee suggested. The order would not apply to the first 25 tons of print paper bought in any quarter.

Representation of the labor press on the committee was urged by the AFL, CIO and countless labor editors and unions over the country. One WPB spokesman said he was sure the big publishers would not overlook their interests, for didn't they pass a resolution saying in part:

"We will retain our vital function in a democracy, regardless of the limits of material and the cost thereof."

When a WPB spokesman was asked Dec. 15 if the Labor Advisory Committee, of which Pres. Milton Murray of the American Newspaper Guild (CIO) is chairman, would meet with the Industry Advisory Committee, he told FP:

"The actual sitting down together of both industry and labor advisory groups in WPB has th complete indorsement—even the order—of Chairman Nelson. But" and here he hesitated, "the carrying out of this is often difficult.

This Is No Fable!

CINCINNATI — FOUND: **An industrialist who favors the 48-hour week, but with time-and-ahalf pay for the extra 8 hours!**

He is Pres. George H. Mead of the Mead Corp., Dayton, a member of the National War Labor Board, who made his startling declaration in a round table discussion before the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems.

Cooperatives Win Time On Radio

Union Papers Thanked For Help

By Federated Press

NEW YORK, Dei. 21—The Cooperative League, with the help of unions and consumer organizations, has won its battle to buy time on U. S. radio networks and stations. This was announced Dec. 18 after a two-day conference between a league committee and the code committee of the National Association of Broadcasters.

The broadcasters had refused to sell to cooperatives on the ground that their programs were of a controversial nature and therefore in violation of the NAB code. This refusal brought thousands of protests from all over the nation and a U. S. senate resolution by Sen. George W. Norris (Ind. Nebr.) for an investigation of the broadcasters' action.

It was made clear in a joint statement by the league and NAB committees that radio's acceptance of cooperative program would not affect the Norris resolution, which suggests that the federal communication act might be amended to prevent broadcasters from denying radio time to cooperatives or other public organizations such as labor unions.

The league's program, Let's Get Together Neighbors, a transcribed series originally scheduled for 30 stations, probably will be on the air by the middle of January, Ass't. Sec. Wallace Campbell said.

A tribute was paid by Campbell to the unions and their newspapers for the way in which they rallied to the co-op's assistance in this fight, which began Oct. 4.

Fink Official Shows His Christmas Spirit

By Federated Press

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 21—The Wright Aeronautical Corp. says it needs 20,000 women workers desperately for its New Jersey plants—but can't get them because women are too busy Christmas shopping.

This claim was made by Company vice president Phillip B. Taylor, in a special story in the New York Herald Tribune, Dec. 18, supposedly designed to attract women to the Wright employment office.

The falsity of Taylor's claim was attested to by New Jersey labor officials. They said there were plenty of women who wanted jobs and had no money to do Christmas shopping.

Wright's inability to find sufficient workers also may be ascribed to its preference for non-union labor.

Illustrative of the kind of anti-union propaganda put out by the company is the following dialog Taylor says he had with a woman applicant.

Q. "It is terribly noisy in the machine shop?"

A. "Yes, it is, but you become accustomed to it."

Q. "The thought uppermost in my mind is: Will I have to join a union?"

A. "No, you won't."

Q. "And I won't be heckled by union people?"

A. "No, we'll see to it that you aren't."

New Jersey unionists believed that the Herald Tribune story may have something to do with an NLRB election to be held soon at the Wright plants, which the United Auto Workers (CIO) hope to win.

President Allows Dies Access To Tax Returns

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (FP)—The Dies committee was authorized to have access to income and excess profits tax returns in a Presidential order Dec. 9, a perusal of the Federal Register for Dec. 12 revealed.

Although the committee has had such powers bestowed on it in other years—likewise quietly, as in this instance—a new order was necessary to permit it to examine records under the internal revenue code of 1939.

The committee apparently is planning some new smear to precede the effort it will make to be revived in the 78th congress. The executive order will be good only until Jan. 3.

French Fascists Inspect Troops

This photo, published in a German propaganda magazine, shows Pierre Laval with Marshal Petain, aged chief of state of France, as they inspected troops at Vichy before the Nazis took over what was left of France. Petain solemnly named Laval fascist dictator and Petain's presumptive heir to replace Admiral Darlan who "sold out" to Allies.

Record Output Wasted

Lack of Planning Blamed

By Federated Press

LORAIN, O.—This is a story of how workers' record-breaking production efforts are wasted by the lack of centralized war planning:

Members of the United Steel Workers (CIO) at the National Tube Co. here were proud when they smashed all records by turning out 550 miles of 24-inch pipe in less than four months for a new oil line between Texas and Illinois that would help relieve the eastern petroleum shortage.

The pipe delivered ahead of schedule and the new line from Longview, Tex., to Norris City, Ill., was to have opened Dec. 15. But it didn't. The reason:

Something went wrong in the manufacture of pumping equipment without which the line is useless, Petroleum Administrator Harold Ickes said. Although all 550 miles have been laid, it won't be in operation until Feb. 15.

And if this story of bungling wasn't enough, Ickes added that a substantial number of 26,000 railway tank cars, which could be used to transport the vitally needed oil, are still carrying grapefruit juice and other such things.

Small Business Apes NAM

Attack on Unions Made at Meeting

By Federated Press

NEW YORK, Dec. 19—Echoing the barrage of anti-union propaganda released at the recent National Association of Manufacturers' convention, a resolution urging Congress to investigate "professional labor czars" was passed at the Conference of American Small Business Organizations, Inc., Dec. 11.

Ignoring the fact that the unions have been the most zealous force in fighting for war contracts for small business men, the resolution painted a picture of a clique of professionals hampering production and terrorizing the workers.

"What little individual independence remains is being destroyed through fear of violence by the ruthless, brutal, armed gangsters employed by some labor czars," the resolution said. "These professional groups make their own laws and fix their own penalties and enforce them in any manner they choose."

The situation has been encouraged, the resolution continued, by "public indulgence, complacent tolerance and ignorance."

Other resolutions passed at the conference also reflected complete devotion to the N. A. M. line. These included approval of a sales tax which would be passed on to the consumer; the suggestion that the present unemployment compensation program be left in the hands of the state; and a veiled attack on the Social Security and old-age pension program on the ground of economy.

Federal Workers Win A Victory

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON — The President's forceful words of Dec. 11 in asking congress to pass a wage increase bill for federal workers or give him authority to do so, bore fruit Dec. 15 when, after organized labor brought pressure to bear, both houses passed the bill.

The United Federal Workers (CIO) and the AFL postal unions have carried on an intense drive for the much needed bill. The UFW had announced a mass rally for the night of the 15th.

Although the legislation extends until only April and is inadequate in many ways, it extends time-and-one-half overtime pay after 40 hours to all government workers and to groups who would not benefit from this, such as the long-underpaid postal workers, a 10% increase on salaries up to $2,900 annually.

The bill passed at the eleventh hour of congress despite Sen. W. Lee O'Daniel (D., Tex.) and his threat to use the bill as a means of attacking the New Deal's entire labor policy. Remarkably enough, he was persuaded to pipe down by the reactionary Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D., Va.), after the 100,000 federal workers in Virginia made their sentiments known to him.

Long leading in the fight for the improved pay was Sen. James Mead (D., N. Y.) It was only after the intervention of CIO Pres. Philip Murray, however, who pointed out that government workers should not lag behind industry's in working conditions, that the President acted.

The NFW planned to turn their rally into one of victory.

Landlork Strike Denounced By C. of C.

VALLEJO, Calif.—The Vallejo Chamber of Commerce has repudiated the strike of the Greater Vallejo Landlords Assn. against rent ceilings, calling its defiance of the OPA "unAmerican" and adding:

"Thousands of patriotic citizens of Vallejo have been subjected to unfavorable and misleading publicity. These actions of the association do not reflect the true attitude of our people.

NEW YORK—The 200th anniversary of Thomas Jefferson's birth on April 13, 1943, will be made the occasion of a nationwide celebration, the Bill of Rights Sesqui-Centennial Committee announced Dec. 15.

Season's Greetings

Home Made Box Lunch

3411 Detroit Ave.

GA. 0951

Catering to Auto-Lite, Willys-Overland and DeVilbiss Plant Workers

Morgenthau Praises Workers

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Dec. 19, Special—The workers of America are helping "to finance this People's War and the People's Peace to come" by their wholehearted participation in the voluntary War Savings Program and the Victory Loan Drive, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., secretary of the Treasury, declared this week.

The achievements of labor and management, working together as a team in the Payroll Savings 10% Drive, has established a "new relationship which is setting the pattern for the post-war years," the secretary said. He spoke at a celebration where Treasury "T" flags were presented to the leaders of labor unions and of employers in North Carolina who had topped that 10% in War Bond purchases through regular deductions every payday.

Warning his audience that "we as a nation are just beginning to fight," Mr. Morgenthau sketched briefly the major accomplishments of the Payroll Savings Program throughout the country.

Unsung heroes on both our wartime production and War Savings fronts are thousands of workers and employers in every state of the nation, the secretary pointed out.

In less than two weeks, the secretary revealed, the country had raised more than two-thirds of the nine-billion-dollar Victory Loan, which the Treasury had set as a special December fund-raising campaign. This is the largest sum ever raised in so short a time by any government in the history of the world.

This gigantic financing achievement "is a magnificent response, another proof of what a free, enlightened and democratic people can do when their country calls upon them," Secretary Morgenthau stated.

More than 50,000,000 men and women invested in War Bonds during 1942, the secretary said.

Gov. Dixon Upholds Discrimination

By Federated Press

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 — Gov. Frank M. Dixon of Alabama held the floor at a meeting of the New York Southern Society here Dec. 11.

The self-proclaimed protector of southern democracy blasted so-called crackpot reformers in Washington for their treatment of racial problems in the south.

The anti-discrimination regulations of the U. S. Employment Service and the Fair Employment Practices Committee, Dixon said, are a challenge to "the basic principle of segregation, without which there can be no orderly society below the Mason-Dixon line."

Dixon achieved national notoriety last summer when he rejected a War Production Board contract because it had a clause requiring that there be no discrimination "against any worker because of race, creed, color or national origin."

Assailing the Roosevelt Administration for dynamiting the social structure of the south, Dixon threatened the formation of a Southern Democratic party "if this senseless attack keeps up."

Look What The Scrap Drive Turned Up

By Federated Press

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 22—Texas' "cigar-smoking, poker-playing, labor-hating, evil old man" has been dusted off and put on a pedestal.

Apparently hunting for scrap, officials found two busts of John Nance Garner, former U. S. vice president, resting rather ignominiously among the dirty bottles and sweepings of the capital cellar.

One was sent to the museum of Texas University. The other, scrubbed up for the public and for posterity, graces the governor's reception office.

Just why the two Garner busts were discarded in the basement was not explained . . . but perhaps some on thought they should come out of hiding now that his political line is being revived.

Rail Wage Parley Heads For Mediation Board

NEW YORK—Representatives of 15 non-operating railroad unions have asked the Natl. Mediation Board to step in after a three-day wage conference with rail managements ended in a deadlock here Dec. 18.

President Bert M. Jewell of the Railway Employes Department (AFL) said that union demands included an increase of 20 cents an hour, with a minimum of 70 cents, and the union shop.

Good Skates Roll To Victory

SKATE TO WORK! SAVE GASOLINE
Keep Fit! SKATE TO WORK SAVE GASOLINE
HELP SAVE GAS! SKATE TO WORK
Keep 'em Rollin' SKATE TO WORK SAVE GAS

Chicago beauties have a new motto: "Be a Good Skate--r!" No automobiles for them for the duration. (FP)

Steel Attack on NWLB Called Sabotage by Union

By Federated Press

NEW YORK, Dec. 21—"Union-busting as usual without regard to utilizing all manpower to win the war" was the accusation leveled against Inland Steel Co. Dec. 16 by the National Maritime Union (CIO).

Jack Lawrenson, N. M. U. vice-president, charged the company with launching an expensive campaign to sabotage a unanimous recommendation of the National War Labor Board panel for stabilizing the Great Lakes shipping industry.

Reminiscent of its six-year fight against recognition of the United Steel Workers (CIO) is Inland's consistent discrimination against NMU members in hiring for its ships, Lawrenson said.

The NWLB panel recommended that Inland and three other companies give the NMU preferential hiring. Citing the excellent record of the union, the panel said: "It has contributed to a vast improvement in the working conditions of the seamen who constitute its membership."

"Inland Steel's attempt to paint the panel's order as an attempt to force a new and untried system of hiring manpower is ludicrous," Lawrenson said, referring to the company's resistance to the union hiring hall system. "This attempt to bludgeon by pressure the National War Labor Board should be resisted and this anti-union bias against manpower stabilization in a vital war industry must be compared to actual sabotage of our war effort."

War Plant Guard Wins Right To Join Union

HAMMOND, Ind., Dec. 22 (FP)—Proof that war plant guards have a right to join a union was demonstrated for the Sinclair Refining Co. when it discharged Robert McCall, a plant guard, after warning him not to join the Oil Workers International Union (CIO).

Local 210, OWIU, filed a complaint with the NLRB and two months later McCall was reinstated in a higher-paying job plus $130.48 back pay.

Army regulations do not prohibit plant guards from joining a union, although the Army has suggested guards be taken into separate units from production and maintenance workers.

Army Hires Negro Women

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 22 (FP)—In line with the announced Army Air Force policy to mobilize all available civilian manpower, the Tarrant Field Sub Depot here has initiated a class for eight Negro women mechanic learners.

Ranging in age from 17 to 30, the women were classified as of "very high caliber" by their commanding officer, each having at least a high school education and several being college trained. The U. S. Employment Service, which acted as recruiting agent, is hiring additional women as quickly as possible.

Reuther Offered Important WPB Post

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—Vice-President Walter Reuther of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) has been offered an important post with the War Production Board as assistant to Charles E. Wilson in charge of production.

This is the first significant move of the WPB in the direction of involving organized labor in the shaping of policy. Heretofore, labor has had no share in the planning of production except through labor-management committees in the plants.

Output Snarled By Women Workers Problem

By Federated Press

NEW YORK—Failure to meet the fast growing problems of women war workers is snarling war production, speakers charged at a special conference called by the New York Women's Trade Union League here Dec. 12.

Over 100 delegats from AFL and CIO unions and women's auxiliaries heard representatives of labor, management and government describe special problems arising from the heavy influx of women in industry.

Women workers are faced with inequalities in pay rates, discrimination and obstacles toward promotion, inadequate training facilities and almost non-existent child care provisions, it was pointed out.

Mrs. Betty Hawley Donnelly of the State Federation of Labor and Mrs. Ruth Stevens of the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO) urged that safety, health and wage standards be improved and existing protective labor laws for women be maintained.

Your Legs Can Be Pretty In Rayon Hose

By Federated Press

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22—"Your legs can be beautiful in rayon and lisle hosiery." So says the American Federation of Hosiery Workers (CIO) in a survey of available stocking supplies.

Advising women to avoid riots occasioned by infrequent nylon sales, the report says:

"The rayon products which are on the market now do have the appearance and sheen of pure silk, and do much to compliment and flatter any leg. Most of the rayon hosiery in the $1 to $1.35 brackets have the lustre and well-fitting qualities that marked silk hosiery in the same price range, and are comparable in wearing time and appearance.

"Cotton and lisle hosiery have always been known for their long wearing qualities, but today a determined effort is being made to bring them up to modern standards of attractiveness."

NWLB Ruling Causes Walkout

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2,—Three thousand workers in two plants of the Electric Storage Battery Co., Philadelphia, stopped work Dec. 16 in protest against a National War Labor Board ruling.

Requests of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers (CIO) for a union shop and checkoff and a wage increase of 12½ cents an hour were denied by the board.

Van A. Bittner, assistant to the president of the United Steelworkers (CIO) and Editor Fred Wewitt of the Machinists' Journal, organ of the International Association of Machinists (AFL), dissented. The board majority voted against the standard maintenance of membership clause on the basis the local had a record of seven work stoppages from May 30 to July 17, one of them while a panel was considering its case.

In a telegram the board urged the men to go back to work and said orderly procedures were established for petitioning reconsideration of orders. It didn't repeat the order's clause that the case might be reopened on petition in 90 days.

The NWLB warned the workers that it "cannot and will not entertain such a petition while production of vital war materials is halted in defiance of the board's orders."

400,000 Production Ideas Developed By Workers

CHICAGO, Dec. 19—More than practical production suggestions have been made by American war workers since Pearl Harbor, Chief A. G. Nordholm of WPB field operations told the first annual meeting here of the Natl. Assn. of Suggestion Systems.

So important are some of the suggestions from a military viewpoint, they can not be divulged at this time, Nordholm said. One worker's suggestion resulted in a device which already has saved the U. S. Army Signals Corps the equivalent of 37 years' work.

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Unions Make Record in '42

Win Most NLRB Elections During Year

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—Organizing of the unorganized has made tremendous strides in a year spanning 10 months of war, NLRB elections for the year ending Sept. 30 reveal, the Labor Relations Reporter of Dec. 7 says.

It is published by the Bureau of National Affairs.

The NLRB conducted 3,629 elections embracing 963,593 employes. Elections were 42% more numerous than in the previous year, and more than all the elections conducted by the NLRB in the first five of its seven years of work.

CIO unions took part in more polls and won a higher percentage of elections than they had in either of the previous two years. AFL unions showed a slight drop from their 1941 returns in contests won, approximating their records of 1940.

Of the total, CIO unions won 1,551 elections or 42.7%, while AFL unions won 1,200, or 33.1%. Unaffiliated unions won 310, or 8.5%. Unions were rejected in 530, or 14.6% of the elections. Thirty-eight were indeterminate.

Of the ballots cast, the CIO polled 492,307, or 51.2%. AFL unions polled 188,280, or 19.5%. Unaffiliated unions polled 108,101, or 11.2%. Votes against unions were 174,905, or 18.1%.

Industries in which the largest number of elections took place were in order, iron and steel, machinery, food, textiles, electrical equipment and mining. The United Mine Workers (unaffiliated) were at that time within the CIO and so counted.

Submarine Vet Is 15

By Federated Press

NEW YORK, Dec. 21—A veteran seaman stood before a microphone here Dec. 20 and talked to his mother in far off Edinburgh, Scotland.

The broadcast was arranged by the Natl. Maritime Union (CIO) or ist youngest member—15-year-old Fulton McKellican—who has been sailing in sub-infested waters for a full year.

The youngest of seven children, Fulton worked in the Scottish mines for six months before he finally shipped out on a Norwegian vessel last Christmas eve as a messboy.

When Fulton landed in New York recently, he headed straight for NMU headquarters and joined its Pan-American Division.

Fulton told reporters that he shipped out because he wants to help smash the Axis and he wants to see the world.

President Batista of Cuba Visits Miami

President Batista walks through a guard of honor upon arrival to review the officer candidates' school at retreat, in Miami, Fla., following his arrival from Cuba. On the left behind him is Aurelio Concheso, Cuban ambassador to the United States; on the right is Dr. Jose A. Martinez, Cuban minister of state.

Henderson Resigns as Price Administrator

Quits Thankless OPA Post

WASHINGTON. —(FP)— Pres. Roosevelt Dec. 17 confirmed reports that Price Administrator Leon Henderson was resigning and made public correspondence in which he thanked him for his ardent devotion to a thankless task.

In Baltimore, where he appeared on a radio program that night, Henderson told reporters that he was resigning to take a much-needed rest and treatment for a back injury.

Persistent reports that Senator Prentiss Brown, Democrat, Michigan, would be appointed as chief of the Office of Price Administration appeared confirmed, unless the President, as he has done at times, changed candidates at the last minute.

Henderson met late in the day with department heads and a few staff members of OPA, Federated Press learned, and told them of his

Deny Resignation

resignation. The President's announcement came later.

Only a few days earlier, OPA spokesmen had denied that Henderson would resign, saying, "He's not a quitter," and Henderson had on various occasions told Congress that he would not be gunned out of his job.

Obviously affected by the job of telling his associates he was leaving, he told them in effect that there was too much at stake for him to do otherwise if stepping down now would save the rationing and price-control program from the attacks of the reactionaries in Congress, FP was informed.

He told them that Senator Brown, who was defeated when he remained in Washington during the campaign to wage the fight for the Administration's anti-inflation bill, would succeed him and assured them that Brown would carry out established OPA policies and deserved their full support.

Political Pay-Off

Brown has been a consistent supporter of the Administration and has been friendly to labor and in general supported labor's position. Henderson, on the other hand, earned the enmity of labor by his exceedingly vocal concern over wages. An emissary he sent to the first aircraft stabilization conference last summer succeeded in breaking it up, moreover.

He has been criticized by both the AFL and CIO for being too tough in public speeches only, while he was too timid to establish a thorough system of rationing over-all essentials in which shortages threatened. Although the War Production Board had the say-so in what was to be rationed —now in the hands of Food Administrator Claude Wickard—Henderson sanctioned dilly-dallying.

Nevertheless, the anti-labor, anti-Administration forces in Congress have been the most potent forces in the movement to supplant Hendrson. They were joined by some outright appeasers who used the organized gasoline rationing revolt in an effort to create disunity.

Henderson Misses Boat

All too late, Henderson realized that his logical ally in the looming fight with Congress was organized labor. It was reliably reported to FP that only a week ago he called together some of his labor-policy division people to meet at his home one evening and map out a campaign to cooperate with labor in a campaign to save the rationing program, price control and rent control.

Meanwhile, much hopeful speculating that Brown will not espouse a big-stick policy but will work for a voluntary system of rationing is being done by anti-Administration forces and was echoed in the Washington Times-Herald.

Brown has said that he considered the rationing procedures too harsh. Labor representatives confidently predict, however, that he will be guided entirely by Administration policy and the wide public support which is possible for organized labor to enlist for a real win-the-war program of complete price control and rationing.

In this fight labor will be aided by having the spectacle of Henderson's failure to stem the reactionary tide by appeasement, to point to. With each gesture on his part of giving way to business-as-usual demands, the hue and cry from Congress became bolder.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Scrap sufficient to make steel for construction of one battleship, one heavy cruiser, one repair ship and eight destroyers was collected by members of the Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers (CIO) in the Greater New York yards of Todd Shipyards Corp.

Food Shortage Hits Country

Delay in Rationing Seen as Cause

By John Dunn
By Federated Press

A scarcity of beef in Texas, greatest cattle-raising state in the union . . . virtual butter famine in Milwaukee in the heart of the nation's biggest dairy area . . . horse meat in butcher shops of Boston . . . no meat at all in San Francisco.

All this and more has been brought on by the failure of the Federal Government to listen to the CIO and AFL, which weeks ago urged democratic rationing as a vital part of over-all economic planning.

A Federated Press survey of major American cities and war centers reveals that a serious scarcity of food and clothing exists. The facts reported by FP correspondents from coast to coast are borne out in similar surveys made by such conservative organs as The New York Herald Tribune and the Wall Street Journal.

And even greater shortages can be expcted soon unless the Government begins universal rationing at once, says a Wall Street Journal story of Dec. 14 based on information from department stores and other retail outlets. Federated Press correspondents report the situation as follows:

BOSTON: Sixty thousand pounds of horse meat sold in two weeks as beef ran out. Newspapers attack OPA and rationing and at same time publish stories that public likes horse lesh.

NEW YORK: Beef has disappeared from low-price chain stores. Shortages exist in canned fruit and vegetables, dried peas and beans, canned milk, fresh vegetables, cheese, spices. Towels, sheets, radios, toasters, lamps and steel toys may not be available by Jan. 1.

PHILADELPHIA: Shortages exist in all food items except cereals, dried beans, peas, chickens, pork and eggs. Practically no veal or beef for weeks.

PITTSBURGH: Dried fruits are no longer available. Beef has virtually disappeared. Lamb scarce. Pork still plentiful.

AKRON: Price chiseling rampant in chain and independent stores. Scarcities apparent in basic foods.

CLEVELAND: Meat shortages acute and growing worse. Canned goods scarce and butter is not obtainable in many stores.

DETROIT: Facing meatless Christmas. Butter supply 50% of normal. Clothing plentiful. Sheets, towels scarce.

CHICAGO: Stores find it impossible to keep enough canned fruit and vegetable juices on their shelves. Butter sales restricted to one pound a customer. Flour supply getting low. Sheets, yard goods scarce.

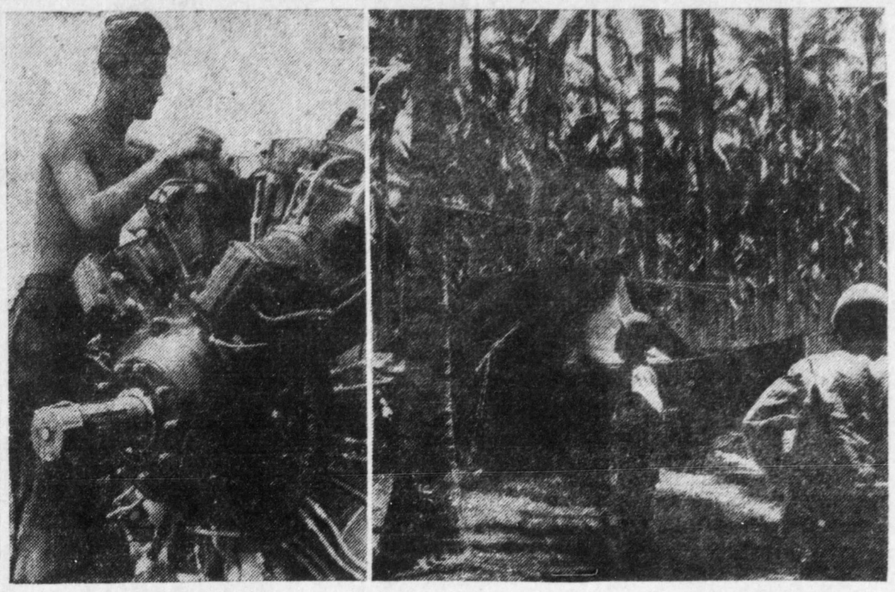
MILWAUKEE: Quarter-pound of butter is limit in all stores; housewives reporting no butter in many stores. Much resentment against failure to put labor and consumers on rationing boards.

HOUSTON: Much chiseling on prices here, in San Antonio, Austin, Corpus Christi and Beaumont. Pork and bacon as well as beef scarce. Plenty of fish. Supplies of flashlights, needles, electric irons, many other goods virtually exhausted.

SAN FRANCISCO: Except for nylon stockings, no clothing crisis yet. But food is another story. No beef for two weeks and no pork for another week. No butter. No ham. No bacon. No more whipping cream, milk scarce.

LOS ANGELES: This area faces a virtually meatless holiday season. CIO Council calls for immediate rationing. Hoarding mounts. Area still one of greatest food-producing centers, but because of higher prices elsewhere food is shipped out.

Momentary Breathing Spell on Guadalcanal Island



Typical of the ground crews' unsung heroes is this U. S. Marine mechanic (left), who is checking over the power plant of a plane which has seen heroic service in the daily air battles over Guadalcanal. He plays a vital role in the air superiority held by our forces in the Solomons. Right: The sign says 42nd Street, but it's a long, long way from New York City's Times Square. The sign was posted at a marine camp on Guadalcanal.

Workers Demand LaGuardia Act

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—The next move is up to Mayor F. H. LaGuardia. Following a Natl. War Labor Board decision that it could not intervene in the dispute between the Transport Workers Union (CIO) and the city, the TWU executive board demanded Dec. 17 that the mayor resume negotiations immediately on its 15% wage increase request.

The TWU resolution said: "The Transport Workers Union has always desired and sought a peaceful solution of its differences with the Board of Transportation. Its appeal to the Natl. War Labor Board is a testimonial to that fact . . .

"Having combatted and successfully resisted the intervention of the NWLB, the responsibility rests squarely on the shoulders of the mayor of the City of New York and the Board of Transportation to re-the Transport Workers Union with sume negotiations immediately with a view to arriving at a settlement that will be fair to the employes, fair to the people of the City of New York and fair to our nation, which is fighting for its very life."

How Company Unions Work

BAYTOWN, Tex.—Replacement of male workers by women has reached the janitorial division of the big Baytown refinery of Humble Oil Co., Standard Oil subsidiary, with the company union making an agreement to pay the women $100 a month compared to the $197 paid male janitors.

The Baytown Employes Federation, holding the bargaining rights here, announced it had negotiated wages for the women.

In a circular distributed by the CIO Oil Workers Organizing Campaign, it was pointed out that the Humble Company is paying $157 for Negro janitors at the refinery, adding that "Humble recognizes no color line when it comes to getting work done cheaper."

Co-ops To Be Major Postwar Factor

NEW YORK—Cooperative methods of distribution will be a major post-war factor in United States economy, Retailing Magazine tells its readers in the December issue.

"No glance at some of the post-war distribution potentialities would be complete without at least a look-in on a very old movement which, stimulated by recent developments, continues to make noteworthy new gains—consumer co-operatives," Earl Lifshey writes in the magazine.

"There are those among the merchandising fraternity who are carefully watching th co-ops . . . They are not sure but that ir it they see a dark horse of very considerable proportions—and opportunities."

Do Wages Cause Inflation?

By Scott Nearing

By Federated Press

What Causes Inflation?

Many words have been spoken and written about labor and labor organizations being responsible for pushing up wages, and thereby furthering inflation. Anti-labor commentators and columnists have been particularly noisy on this subject.

The assumption is that workers are receiving more wages for a given amount of product and thereby helping to force up prices. In short, the anti-unionists claim that workers are getting more wages for the same amount of work.

The total wages bill of the country has gone up rapidly. For example, manufacturers' payrolls (wages and salaries) on the basis of 1923-25 as 100, stood at 163 in September, 1941, and at 215 in August, 1942. It is to this total wages bill that the labor haters like to point. But they fail to report several important items:

Production Figures

1. There are more workers at work. With the average for 1939 as 100, the number of wage earners in all industries was 139 in October, 1941, and 155 in October, 1942. Many unemployed have been absorbed. Numbers of women have taken wage-paying jobs.

2. Workers are working longer hours than they did two years ago. Average weekly hours in all factories were 41 in September, 1941, and 43 in September 1942, and much higher in war plants. The longer work day results in larger earnings. It also turns out more production.

3. The productivity of labor has increased. Just how general this increase may be it is hard to say, but in airplane, shipbuilding and other key industries, production per-labor-hour has risen.

4. The total amount of production has increased. The Federal Reserve Index of Industrial Production, based on 1935-39 as 100, stood at 161 in September, 1941, and 185 in September, 1942. The figure for durable manufactures was 205 in September, 1941, and 266 or September, 1942.

The wages total of a roller bearing plant may double within the year, but if the plant has doubled its product, the labor cost per bearing has remained the same.

Figures on average hourly earnings in 90 industries, published by the U. S. Department of Labor, show for September, 1941, 76c hourly; August, 1942, 86c hourly, or a 13% increase. Hourly earnings for the same month were 88c and 97c for iron and steel; 59c and 68c for lumber; 85c and 96c for machinery; 82c and 95c for nonferrous metals; 84c and 94c for chemicals; 66c and 73c for food; 63c and 79c for leather; 83c and 90c for paper and printing; 57c and 63c for textiles; 76c and 82c for construction labor; and 73c and 83c for railways.

There are some variations in these wage rates, but on the whole they are surprisingly uniform. In most cases the increase in hourly earnings is less than the increased cost of living.

There are inflationary factors aplenty in the United States, but so far as the figures for the past year show, the earnings of workers are not among them.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Every member of 34 AFL and CIO local unions pledged to give 2 days' pay to the Greater Chattanooga War Fund. Instead of giving through the employer, Chattanooga unionists insisted on giving through their locals.

U. S. Makes And Breaks Ceilings

SAN ANTONIO—Even the Natl. Housing Authority, it appears here, has fallen under the spell of the price-raising mania. A chorus of tenant protests is rising against recently imposed rent increases in San Antonio's 4 federal housing projects—constructed as so-called low rent housing.

Rents were raised despite the OPA action in ordering all rents frozen at March, 1942, levels. So far, protests have fallen on deaf ears.

Recently Toledo had difficulty due to raising rents in Brand Whitlock homes.

OWI Chart Shows Strikes Lowest In Five Years

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—The Office of War Information has issued a strike chart which shows that man-days of idleness due to strikes on all industry have dropped during a year of war to almost zero. It is the lowest level in the last five years.

Men in industry numbered 30,545,000 as a monthly average in 1937. In the first 10 months in 1942 this figure was 36,621,000. Yet man-days of idleness through strikes fell from an average of $2,369,000 to 397,000.

Days lost through strikes this year are only 28% of the average for the last five years of peace, though monthly employment was up 119% over that period.

Percentage of time lost in war industry strikes since Pearl Harbor was never over one-tenth of 1% of the number of days worked.

The Washington Scene

By VIRGINIA GARDNER

By Federated Press

CRITICIZES U. S. CREWS

To the families of the almost 6,000 seamen of the marchant marine, virtually all of them union men, who are dead and missing as war casualties, it may seem strange that a man can count it a bitter loss that a ship he owns is torpedoed.

Addressing the annual dinner of his advertising staff and guests in Chicago, Dec. 10, Col. Robert R. McCormick, Publisher of the Chicago Tribune, told of the loss to the Quebes & Ontario Paper Co., Tribune-owned, when one of its ships was torpedoed off the coast of Cuba.

"I am sorry to say the crew did not behave well," said the publisher of the newspaper he calls the world's greatest, which the recent CIO convention called disruptive and appeaser.

"The merchant crews of the United States are no credit to our nation," said the discredited publisher. "They abandoned the ship."

YOUR CHRISTMAS CHEER

From the Office of Price Administration comes the news that bottled egg nog and Tom and Jerry batter have been removed from the general price regulation. Reason: it was discovered that "few if any sales were made of these products during the March 1942 base period."

Well, well. And here comes the War Production Board with a sheaf of printed reasons why "the provision of limitation order L-120 concerning the packaging of rolls of toilet paper was relaxed by the Director General of Operations." The gist of it, anyway, is that the order was "too stringent for cases that have to be shipped overseas."

NEW YORK—Hearings on the feasibility of establishing a 40 cent hourly minimum in the pen and pencil manufacturing industry will be held Jan. 12 before Maj. Robert M. Campbell here, the Wage-Hour Division said Dec. 12.

NEW YORK (FP) — Senator George W. Norris will make his final public appearance as a member of Congress here Dec. 29 as guest at a dinner in his honor given by the Union for Democratic Action and The Nation.

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Today, we are engaged in a great war covering thousands of miles of land and sea. Our men fight in Africa, in the Pacific, in the Atlantic and on the other seas.

As our boys thoughts turn to us, and our's to them, the one thought is uppermost in the minds of us all. We each hope that the other will have a Merry Christmas.

That is as it should be, for Christmas is made happy, not by the gifts which we give and receive; but by the thought that there is someone who remembers us, who wishes for our happiness.

Leon Henderson

If it is true, and all evidence points to the fact that President Roosevelt gave Leon Henderson his walking papers because of pressure brought to bear by the farm bloc, the incident bodes no good for the future.

Leon Henderson, regardless of what many people think of him, was put into the OPA to do a job, and he did it.

Henderson had no illusions about his job. He knew he would be unpopular. He realized that regardless what he did, or did not do, he would displease a lot of people.

Even those who had good reasons for hating Henderson most cordially had to admit that he was in possession of a large share of what we usually refer to as "guts," and we admire him the more for doing his job and having the fortitude to stick by his guns.

Henderson's dismissal, food shortages, stringent gasoline rationing in the east, and many other incidents seem to have an air of more than coincidence about them.

Price ceilings certainly are not considered a blessing to those who must abide by the rules and regulations laid down by Mr. Henderson. A careful reading of much of the stuff that is written in the financial pages of our daily papers and the Wall St. Journal should satisfy anyone of that.

Inflation is not feared by those who control and distribute the commodities of the country, just so they are the ones who benefit the most from it.

It is within the realm of possibility that the dismissal of Mr. Henderson is the first step in a devious process to raise price ceilings and at the same time make it difficult for the workers to get higher wages with which to purchase the things they must have in order to live.

Leon Henderson stood between special interests seeking to advance their own cause and price inflation. His going represents a serious attack upon the price control structure about which more will be heard as the plot clarifies itself by action.

Here and There

Last week in Cleveland, the CIO appointed a committee which had as its purpose to meet with a similar committee appointed by the AF of L and effect a political front in unity.

Last week in Toledo, the Toledo Union Leader launched on its front page a bitter attack upon the CIO in Toledo.

It is not the purpose of this editorial to enter into the merits of the Union Leader's attack; but it is its purpose to point out that the UAW-CIO is ready to carry out the wishes of its National President, Philip Murray, and work out an agreement along the lines agreed upon by Mr. Murray and William Green, AF of L president, in the recent Washington meeting.

If the AF of L is ready to carry out the expressed wish of Mr. Green, and it must be assumed it respect his wishes, it will be met by a committee from Local 12, UAW-CIO which will carry on in accord with the terms of the recent Washington agreement.

Local 12 is not the whole CIO, it is the United Automobile Workers, and as such is prepared to go along with both Mr. Murray and Mr. Green under the terms of their understanding.

Letters To The Editor

Perhaps its because the paper is still very young that more readers do not write to the editor to state their opinions about many of the questions of the day.

Lest the policy of the paper be misunderstood, we want to make is clear that we not only welcome letters from our readers; but invite them.

The only requirements are that letters to the editor be kept to 200 words and that they contain no libelous statements.

This labor paper is strictly democratic and wants its readers to feel that it is their forum. Correct names and address of the senders of any letters should, of course, be signed to any and all letters to the editor.

Christmas Greetings

OHIO OILS

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On The Capital's Cuff

By VIRGINIA GARDNER

By Federated Press

MEETS BIG SHOT

I got a good look at a big-time lobbyist yesterday (Dec. 17). I shook his massive, dead-white fist. I sat in his spacious office and heard him roll off unctuous double-talk phrases about giving a break to the working man—by making a gift of the Ruml plan to the big boys.

He is no ordinary lobbyist, is O. Max Gardner. In fact, he says he isn't a lobbyist at all. He is just interested in the Ruml plan, or a modification of it, for unselfish purposes.

Gardner is a former governor of North Carolina, and laughingly says that people accuse him of still running the state from his Washington law office. If he does, it is just a sideline. He is a director of the Sperry Gyroscope Co., whose 15,000 employes will vote in an NLRB election Dec. 22.

Owner of some open shop textile mills at Shelby, N. C., and elsewhere, which he said the AFL once tried to organize, he is counsel for the Cotton Textile Institute, advisor to the Rayon Yarn Producers Assn., has represented the tobacco interests, is an ex-Democratic national committeeman, etcetera.

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LABOR'S FUTURE

I talked to him about his powerful friends, including Chairman Walter F. George (D. Ga.) of the Senate Finance Committee, and Chairman Robert L. ("Farmer Bob") Doughton (D. N. C.) of the House Ways and Means Committee.

And as he talked I kept thinking of what the President is up against, and what organized labor is up against, when the President announces his tax program in his message to the 78th congress, Jan. 7.

It will take a lot of hard legwork on the part of labor representatives in Washington, backed by plenty of community work and wires to congress from labor in the field, to exert enough pressure to offset that of special interests working for the Ruml plan and a sales tax.

Doughton, who does own a farm but who also owns a string of small banks in a district adjacent to Winston-Salem, is friendly with the Reynolds tobacco clan. George is admittedly a Georgia Power Co. (Commonwealth & Southern) die-hard, and was once called a Bourbon by the President.

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THE RUML PLAN

"So you're a Gardner, too?" Gardner cordially greeted me. "Any relation to the North Carolina Gardners? Or the Gardners of Virginia?"

"No, the Gardners of Arkansas," I said cheerfully.

He called perceptibly, then added with suspicion: "And what does Federated Press represent?" I replied sweetly that it represented the labor press

"Well, that's mighty interestin'." His thick lips closed over the word with a finality that settled for all time the relationship between the Gardners of North Carolina and the Gardners of Arkansas.

" heard you were interested in the Ruml plan," I began, "and I had the idea that it wasn't very popular with labor, that it gave the wealthy too much of a chance to jiggle income figures around."

Gardner said he favored a plan not to skip taxes on a year's income, but to amortize it over a period of, say, 10 years, following the war. As for a sales tax, he was opposed to that, just like Sen. George—unless, of course, it was necessary.

"They won't have both a Victory tax and a sales tax, but they might have an increased Victory tax and a pay-as-you-go tax—to make it easier for the working man."

Asked if the Victory tax bill was written by President Claudius T. Murchison, Cotton Textile Insitute, he said he didn't know.

Christmas --- 1942

Wilson (F. P.)

It's News to Me

By O. J. PECORD

LOOKING BACK

In looking back over the past year, we can see before our eyes the gains which Local 12, UAW-CIO, has made.

Membership has grown to the point where Local 12 is one of the largest in the United States.

A new home has been secured which provides ample facilities for meetings, parties and recreation, office space for the business of the union and officers, a library, classroom and newspaper offices.

Truly, 1942 has dealt kindly with Local 12.

O. J. Pecord

THE BALANCE SHEET

On the other side of the balance sheet there are certain considerations which must not be overlooked.

Local 12 leaders realize that a large membership is no guarantee of the spiritual health of the union. They realize their responsibilities to their members, not alone for the wages and hours and other material good which they have secured for them; but in educating them into what their union is all about.

Educating union people means teaching them to think for themselves about matters which effect their economic welfare, and this in itself constitutes the principal work of all organized labor.

A LIABILITY

Politically, unions all over the country are in a much worse position than they have been for many years.

Last November when organized labor was so busy working to win the war, it neglected to remember that it had its own welfare to look after and remained away from the polls in large numbers.

As a result of labor's political neglect, it is faced with a situation in the new congress which will cause it no end of trouble in the next two years.

THE FUTURE

Not only will the new congress seek to eliminate "for the duration," the 40 hour week, but practically every state legislature will have before it bills to "regulate" labor, and give unions legal "responsibilities."

You may expect a full scale campaign to be launched against labor in 1943, and we might as well prepare ourselves for constant attacks from the politicians who have been waiting for years to get back into power to give unions what is commonly know as "the works."

PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

In looking over the past and considering the present, we must prepare for the future.

While 1943 is being greeted with high hopes for victory for our armed forces, we of labor must remember that for the first time since 1932 we are facing the prospect of a bad legislative situation all over the country.

Being aware of our danger, we should prepare for the things we anticipate. We must strengthen our ranks, cast out disunity when it shows itself, and present ourselves as a thoroughly united and concerned group before congress and all state legislatures. Moreover, we must prepare to renew our political activities and take part in all legislative actions which will effect our welfare.

By unified and strong political action, we can prevent legislation aimed against labor. Without such unity and action, we will find ourselves facing more serious situations.

Government and Rationing

By Melvin M. Schultz
Rec. Sec. Local No. 12

Centralized Government

It seems to me, as I recall some of the history of our Country, that there has been at most times a difference of opinion on the matter of having too highly a centralized government.

Melvin Schultz

Upon checking over the social laws of some of the other countries, it appears that a strong centralized government gives the average working man better conditions so long as the people maintain their democratic right of honest elections. In most cases these rights are strongly protected by labor unions and we always find that these labor unions are strong politically, i e. they insist upon having representation on the various governmental committees and in participating in every possible activity of government.

More Rationing

In the coming year, indications are that there will be rationing of many of the every day necessities.

We are informed that it is necessary for many commodities to be rationed even though it may seem to us to be without reason. Because of this your Union has been insistent that it have representation on all rationing boards in our community. A very good job has been done in this respect, and if you are not aware of the name of your representative on your rationing board, contact the Local 12 headquarters for this information.

Undoubtedly, there will be many other regulations set up governing your everyday life for which committees or administrators will be selected. It will be your responsibility, as well as that of your ofifcers, to insist that you have ample representation.

Wishing everyone, the boys in the service too, a Merry Christmas.

Regional Views

By RICHARD GOSSER,
Regional Director, UAW-CIO

SOCIAL GAINS

Remarks which are heard, pro and con, about the social security program on all sides indicates that people are giving considerable thought to this phase of a reform movement which began a few years ago in this country.

By far the greater majority of the people desire to see the social security program extended to all those who, by reason of certain exemptions granted to a few types of enterprise, do not come under the scope of the act. Practically everyone who is eligible for social security wants to see the benefits enlarged.

Richard Gosser

MOVEMENT LAGS

When we stop and consider that years ago Bismark had social security laws enacted in Germany which were practically as liberal as ours, although this was more than 60 years ago, and the English have had social security laws for years, it is apparent that our laws governing social security are not only years behind the rest of the world in arriving, but that they represent only a beginning.

No right thinking person would want to see social security remain as it now is, when in reality, it gives but a minimum of protection and does not constitute real security as we think of security.

HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

No social security program will ever be complete until it does four basic things:

1. It must protect the worker against unemployment by giving him sufficient financial help to tide him over until the condition has righted itself.

2. It must provide for hospitalization and medical treatment when the worker is injured.

3. It must protect the worker in time of sickness by hospitalization and medical insurance.

4. It must provide the aged with decent security without forcing them to humiliate themselves with a declaration of pauperism.

In the next article, I will discuss the four points of the program outlined above.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

While I am about it, I want to take this opportunity to wish all the members of Local 12, as well as all the other Locals in this region, my sincerest wish that this Christmas will be as merry as possible under these conditions. I hope that we will be able to greet another Christmas with more joy than this one, and that all the workers will find the strength and courage to carry on as steadfastly in the coming year as they did during the one just ending.

What's New?

By EDWARD J. DUCK,
Educational Director, Local 12, UAW-CIO

"What fools we mortals be!"

We pity ourselves because we can't get all the gasoline we would like to use for pleasure driving. We mnaoed for a while because the government didn't allow us more sugar that we demanded. We are complaining beforehand about the rationing of meat. We raised the very devil when our pet tailor refused to put cuffs on our new trousers. We wondered whther the government weren't trying to freeze us to death with the new Victory temperature. We think it's a dirty shame that we can't buy those new electric appliances we never could afford until now, and, in short, we're acting like four-year-olds, pouting in the corner.

We believe the editorials we read in the kept press, and we sometimes wonder whether Westbrook Pegler isn't sincere in his own clever little way.

We laugh at the remarks made by the stuffed shirts, ridiculing the President's wife, not knowing that she is responsible for a great portion of the social program of the Administration.

We believe the tripe about "strikes delaying production", being ignorant of the fact that less than one-twentieth of one per cent of our war production was delayed by strikes during October. Manufacturers' unwillingness to convert their plants from civilian production and enormous profits contributed much more delay. We think that Labor means a bunch of other guys, probably communists or something like that.

We never knew that the lower income classes will eat better than ever before, because of rationing, and that if it weren't for these restrictions on certain things, WE would have less of them than the government allows us.

We wonder how the rich can get along on twenty-five thousand per (maybe we should have asked Roosevelt to make it fifty thousand).

We swallow that "survival of the fittest" bunk, kidding ourselves that it means us, and giving our superiors a free license to steal.

We religiously adhere to anything we read in the newspapers and vote accordingly.

We cuss the politicians behind their backs, but break our necks to be introduced to them, secretly thinking how wonderful it is to meet "such nice people".

We think Henderson actually quit because of ill health, not because of pressure from the big business interests.

We believed Willkie's pre-election promises, which he himself later passed off as "campaign oratory", the polite way of calling himself an unmitigated liar.

We blame everybody but the right parties for the war being thrust upon the world. (Of course, international industrial competition couldn't have had anything to do with it!)

We think the sales tax is all right, which is the most pitiful display of ignorance imagineable.

We believe McNutt is all right, too, but we must be thinking about someone else, not the Indiana Hitler.

We don't know that the primary function of the NAM, (National Association of Manufacturers, to you!) is to keep down the men and women who work for a living.

We believe that the "farm bloc" represents the farmers themselves, and not the A. & P. Co. and others.

We think the southern Democrats are real Democrats, which is a good joke.

We think that no one is making a profit off the war, which is another good laugh; and last, but not least, we blame Roosevelt for the war and would fall for a good Republican line of baloney, which would be just another proof that Barnum was more than right.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

To OUR BOYS *In The Service Never Another* PEARL HARBOR
BUT
Always A Christmas Its OUR JOB *To Make It That Way*

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THE GORDON MANUFACTURING CO.
and
GORDON UNIT, LOCAL 12, UAW-CIO

Merry Christmas
and Continued Success
for the New Year
to the Auto Workers

Executive Board
Toledo Industrial Union Council

LOCAL 12 — UNIT NEWS

Champion Sparklets

By SPARKY

Arnold Harrison, formerly of the Champion has been transferred from New River, N. C., to Camp Elliott, San Diego, Cal. Our boys get around quite a bit, don't they?

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Happy birthday to committeeman Kenny Morris, Friday, Dec. 18. How old did you say you were Kenny?

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And while on happy birthdays, here's to Leora Korsch who also admitted being born on Dec. 18.

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Marge Irwin had the misfortune to have her birthday come the day after Christmas. Result—only one batch of presents instead of two.

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Joe Polus is leaving soon to fight for his Uncle Sam. Sorry to see Joe leave us, but good luck to you and happy landings.

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On exacting a promise from the boys not to eat too much cake, the reaming table invited them to their Christmas party. Ain't they the old meanies. Wonder if the girls will get double crossed?

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Just a plea to our members to get out and attend their unit meetings. Our meetings don't last very long and besides they are for our own interests. Most of us put in lots of time that isn't too interesting, so why not make it a point to interest yourself in your own welfare by coming to the next regular meeting. Are you list'nin', huh?

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Ranch style chicken was the piece de resistance at a Christmas party held in the home of Gertrude Rubackis. Ten of the girls from the core tamping department indulged in the repast and were unanimous in pronouncing both it and the party a great success.

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Add alibis: "I'm certain I could bowl 600 consistently, if I could make the spares and get away from those lousy splits" by Harold Drummond.

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Look out pigeons if the food rationing gets tough and your owner Jimmie Hedja, gets too hungry. Jimmy, whose life is full of ups and downs, raises the birds and could make out, at least for a while, in an emergency.

Mary Winkle

This little lady who attended the lunch and gift exchange in the employment office, is showing her—ahem, gifts, which she received at the party.

Willys-Overland Employment Girls Exchange Gifts

A gift exchange was held by the girls in the employment office of the Willys - Overland, Saturday, Dec. 19.

Luncheon was served at 12:00 noon by the girls who had prepared everything at home and did themselves proud in serving a delicious luncheon.

A gift exchange followed the luncheon and everybody was pleased with what Santa Claus had brought them.

Labor's News In Brief

By Federated Press

DETROIT—Three days before the five-year statutory limitation expired, State Sen. Stanley Nowak, CIO organizer and legislative leader, was indicted for alleged false statements in his naturalization proceedings.

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WASHINGTON—The Natl. War Labor Board decided unanimously that it had no power to issue any order in disputes involving state or municipal governments.

National Supply News

By HERB REISER

CHRISTMAS

This week the world celebrates the truly great festival of the year, Christmas.

And this year finds the world in the midst of a great war.

Let us who remain behind keep our Christmas with redoubled zeal for our children and the children of our less fortunate allies who have found security and relative peace here.

Let us all include in our stockings gifts of war bonds and stamps that we might again have peace on earth, to men of good will.

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Letters and cards from our boys in the armed services are posted throughout the plant on the bulletin boards for all to read. The old letters are replaced by new mail as fast as it arrives. This correspondence enables the shop workers to keep in touch with the whereabout and doings of our National Supply service men.

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Our members like and appreciate the efforts of Local 12 in publishing its new weekly newspaper, the Toledo Union Journal. Comments heard around the shop are enthusiastic. Everybody looks forward to each new issue.

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The new Navy building has a fine representation of officers in the union. Executive committeeman R. Thurman, Ray Pond, John DeWitt, W. McCartney and secretary Ray Burrows, are missed by their former departments, although heartily received by the Navy Dept.

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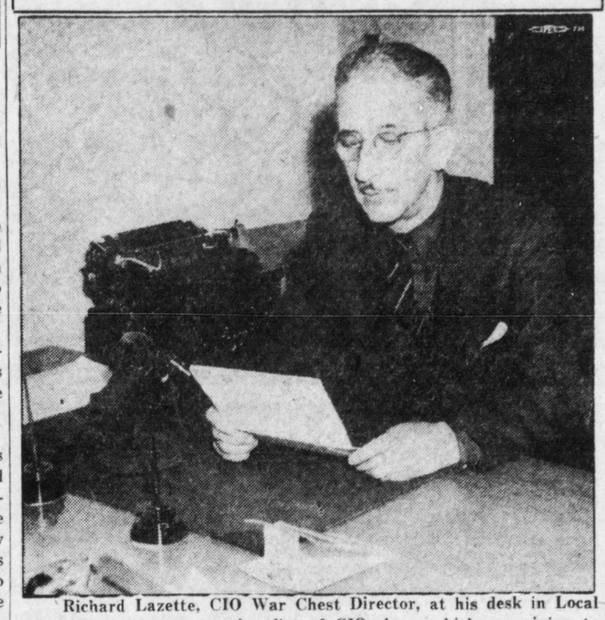
Chairman Joe Biscay with a quarter century of seniority at the National Supply did not bid for one of the new Navy jobs. Joe is going to stick right where he now is at his post in Dept. 40, and we kinda like the idea of Joe not changing.

CIO War Chest Director



Richard Lazette, CIO War Chest Director, at his desk in Local 12 reading an ever-growing list of CIO shops which are giving to the fund in larger measure this year than ever before.

SEATTLE—A report that Sir Hubert Wilkins, noted British explorer, advocated cedeing Alaska to Japan in a recent Chicago speech, touched off a demand for an immediate investigations of his connections by delegates to the Intl. Fishermen & Allied Workers (CIO) convention here.

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WASHINGTON—Vice President Walter P. Reuther of the United Auto Workers (CIO) has been offered an important post with the War Production Board as assistant to Charles E. Wilson in charge of production.

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WASHINGTON — More than 24,000,000 workers are setting aside an average of 8½% of their pay "to finance this people's war and the people's peace to come," Sec. of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., said at a labor-management bond rally.

WASHINGTON—The Office of War Information has issued a strike chart which shows that mandays of idleness due to strikes in all industry have dropped during a year of war to almost zero. It was the lowest level in the last five years.

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WASHINGTON—The President's forceful words of Dec. 11 in asking congress to pass a wage increase bill for federal workers or give him authority to do so bore fruit when both houses passed the bill.

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NEW YORK — The four-day strike of 3,000 members of the Newspaper & Mail Deliverers Union (unaffiliated) against the New York Publishers Assn., ended Dec. 17 after the Natl. War Labor Board ordered arbitration.

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NEW YORK — Echoing the barrage of anti-union propaganda released at the recent Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers convention, a resolution urging congress to investigate "professional labor czars" was passed at the Conference of American Small Business Organizations, Inc.

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CHICAGO—More than 400,000 practical production suggestions have been made by American war workers since Pearl Harbor, Chief A. G. Nordholm of WPB field operations told the first annual meeting here of the Natl. Assn. of Suggestion Systems.

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WASHINGTON—Montgomery Ward & Co. said it would obey President Roosevelt's telegram directing the company to comply without further delay with a Natl. War Labor Board ruling.

Porcelain Pot Shots

By DICK SMITH

This being the day before Christmas, your reporter will attempt to refrain from any unnecessary remarks or insinuations wrongly directed. We believe the phrase "Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards Men" not to be as empty as some stomachs might be on Christmas Day.

Now, if everyone had Johnny Campbell's philosophy, to wit—"A Turkey in Every Pot," we could all close our eyes and imagine that tender, juicy bird in the center of our tables and really feel the Christmas spirit.

SERVICE MEN TO GET GIFTS

At our last meeting the boys came through with, considering the size of our Unit, a very thoughtful gesture. Each man in the service of our Country, from our Unit, will be sent $5.00 in cash and two cartons of cigarettes to those in foreign lands and one carton to the ones still here.

At the same meeting a committee of three was set up to collect donations each week for future gifts to these fellows who are giving so much to protect this land of ours. S-o-o come on fellows—GIVE. The three committeemen are: Johnny Simms, Chuck Wurzell and Dick Smith.

WAR CHEST REPORT

Seventeen porcelain workers voluntarily donated $143 to the War Chest for the year 1943. Nine refused to donate anything for a number of excuses. Some of these nine members then proceeded to separate themselves from what could have been a goodly donation to a worthy cause by indulging in a game of chance.

Your reporter wishes to take this opportunity to wish each and every one who works for a living, also (respectively) the officers of the company, the MERRIEST of CHRISTMASES.

CIO Seeks Political Unity With AFL

By Federated Press

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Industrial Union Council has set up a three-man committee to approach the Cleveland Federation of Labor with a program for common action on the political front.

The step was taken as a practical acknowledgement of a resolution passed at the Ohio CIO convention recently, urging the creation of political action committees in every local union..

Members of the committee are CIUC President William F. Donovan, Secretary A. E. Stevenson and Executive Board Member Beryl Peppercorn.

OSCAR DIMWIT: Whadda' I want to raise production for?

JOE UNIONMAN: So you won't have to raise your kids under Hitler's heel.

It's A Great System!

By JOHN PAINE

By Federated Press

Chowderhead Cohen, king of the finks, must have turned green with envy when he heard of the high-priced scabbery that went on during the recent newspaper drivers' strike in New York, where $10,000 and $15,000-a-year editors and executives sold papers.

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CAUTIOUS ABE

"No matter how humble the possession," the Wall Street Journal says, "Abraham Lincoln was proud of ownership and safeguarded his property carefully."

Probably because he knew some of the ancestors of Wall Street Journal readers were hanging around.

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"The drys are singing :Praise the Lord and Give Us Prohibition," the Brewery Worker says.

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IF ANY AT ALL

Scientists have recently discovered that it is the white matter in the brain and not the gray matter with which we think.

It can now be said, with little fear of contradiction, that the NAM, Pegler, Martin Dies and Rep. Rankin have a gray outlook.

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This is going to be hard on cafe society, but President Claude Baker of the Intl. Typographical Union (unaffiliated) told the Natl. War Labor Board:

"We do not deem Time and Life magazines essential to the war."

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LITTLE LUTHER

"I see by the papers," Little Luther remraked sadly, "that we have lost the war."

"For heaven's sakes, Luther, that's ridiculous. I just read them and saw nothing of the sort," Mr. Dilworth replied.

"Wasn't this supposed to be a war against dictatorship, Hitlerism and for the four freedoms?"

"Of course, my boy. But where do you get the idea that it is lost?"

"Look at this headline. It says NWLB ORDER TRIUMPH FOR HITLERISM. Or this one—DEMOCRACY DEFEATED BY NWLB DICTATORSHIP. And see what this says—UNION FASCISM CONQUERS U. S."

"Sometimes, Luther, I doubt whether you should ever have been taught to read. How does that mean we have lost te war?"

"Well, if Hitlerism has triumphed, if democracy is defeated and if dictatorship has conquered the U. S., haven't we lost?"

"But you don't understand, Luther. That's just newspapers' way of expressing indignation at the undemocratic conduct of a government agency in the Montgomery Ward case."

"I didn't see them expressing any indignation when the NWLB ordered striking newspaper drivers back to work. In fact, the newspapers demanded that the NWLB do so."

"But that's different. The government had to use its wartime powers to end irresponsible action by employes. In the Montgomery Ward case, it was simply a company standing on its democratic rights and refusing to obey a wartime order of the government."

"You know, Pop, you'll have me believing black is white one of these days."

Seaman's Training Center Opened

NEW YORK—The world's largest training center for apprentice seamen at Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, was formally opened Dec. 12.

Constructed in 165 days at a cost of $8,500,000, the center houses 10,000 future members of the merchant marine.

Speakers at the dedication ceremony included Pres. Joseph Curran of the Natl. Maritime Union (CIO), Deputy War Shipping Administrator Edward Macauley and Gov. Charles Poletti.

Know Him?

Of course you know Arthur Peth, executive board member in charge of the Local 12 bar. Art is always urbane and even-tempered and has a whole host of friends among the 26,000 members of the local.

W.-O. Girls Hold Party

Girls from the Willys Overland Payroll and insurance department held a Christmas party and gift exchange at the Tally-Ho Club on 22nd St., Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Following an excellentlly prepared dinner, the gifts were exchanged. Many surprised ah's and laughter were heard when several of the girls were victims of practical jokes the nature of which they refused to reveal.

Following were the girls who attended the dinner and party: Peggy Hotchkiss, Helen Szalka, Doris Mectran, Donna Dennis, Bea Brookmeyer, Grace Strobel, Eleanor Novack, Virginia McMullin, Freda Fastenmieur, Flo Matuszewski, Virginia Van Dike and Emily Bauer.

Thanks Political Workers

Looking over the past few months since the Political Activities Committee was formed to advance the political of Local 12, it seems that some progress has been made in acquainting our people with the necessity f considering their political welfare.

We have tried, and succeeded in moderation, in a few short months to give our people a sense of their importance along economic political lines; but much remains to be done in 1943 if we are to take our rightful place in the political picture locally, in the state and nation.

It is the hope of the Political Activities Committee that our people, not only those who have actively aided the committe in its work during 1942; but all the members of Local 12 will enjoy a merry Christmas regardless of the war and all its attendant work and worries.

Florence Wolfe, secretary,
Political Activities Committee

LOS ANGELES — Reflecting mounting resentment of congressional irresponsibility, the executive board of the United Auto Workers (CIO) passed a resolution saying it would cancel its no-strike pledge if congress abrogates or raises the $25,000 salary limitation order of President Roosevelt.

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VALLEJO, Calif.—The fight of California landlords against OPA rent regulations reached a climax when 400 members of the Greater Vallejo Lanlords Assn., Inc., controlling several thousand apartments and other dwellings in this vital war production area, went on strike against maximum rent ceilings.

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RALEIGH, N. C.—Responding to hundreds of telegrams from union and others, Gov. J. M. Broughton of North Carolina, Dec. 16, granted a 60-day reprieve to William Wellman, Negro worker who was to have died Dec. 18 for a crime he could not have committed.

Racial Prejudice

By CLAUDE HESS
W. O. Executive Committee

POLAND

This is a picture of Poland before the war.

Nearly one million members of trade unions. Many cities and villages teeming with happy people. People who had fought for the right to organize under the principles of a great trade movement, and who won their fight the same as we have tried to win ours. The unions of Poland were respected in every country of the world where there was a union.

Some of the reforms won by the Polish trade unions were the 40-hour work week, liberal trade union legislation, factory inspection, compulsory health insurance, a child labor law prohibiting work for children under 15 years of age and holidays with pay which was voted by the Polish parliament.

Polish unions did not believe women should work in factories or mines and they limited this type of work substantially for their women.

This was Poland a few short years ago.

POLAND RAVISHED

When Hitler's army marched into Poland and by its power overcame the Polish people, the first thing that was suppressed was the union movement. Hitler's assassins, the Gestapo, put an end to trade unionism in Poland and in a hurry. Everything that the Polish workers had fought for was quickly swept aside.

Those who fought, or even expressed their thoughts about the invaders were either shot down or deported to Germany to slave for the people whom Hitler had convinced were a super-race.

In Germany, the Polish workers were treated like slaves. German people were not allowed to give them even a crust of bread. More than a million of these poor people have been forced into the labor battalions of the Reich, and so everyone will know their nationality, they are forced to wear a large letter "P" on their breast.

CONCENTRATION CAMPS

Nobody knows how many of the unfortunate Polish workers are in concentration camps, or how many have been ruthlessly slain for resisting or not obeying their master's orders. Every union man left free in the world should bow his head and utter a silent prayer for these fine people who now are enslaved to the beast Hitler.

THE MORAL

A lot of us think we have had our difficulties in the trade union movement in this country, and we have; but if we will stop and think how much more difficult are the lives of these Polish workers, our lot will seem easy by comparison.

There may be a lot of us who have relatives over in Europe under the heel of the world's greatest living butcher. Many of our fellow-members in the union movement have relatives in Poland and this should and no doubt does, make them a very important part of the backbone of our movement.

If we will but stop and think about what people like the Polish are putting up with in their resistance as members of a great Polish union movement, or for that matter, in any of the other countries of Europe now ground under the heel of Hitler, we will cease whatever discrimination we may have against our brothers in the union movement, regardless whether they are Jew or Gentile, white, yellow or black, Protestant or Catholic and fight our real enemies and not each other.

Local 12 Library

Perhaps the most important but least used room in the Local 12 building is the library.

Our library which has a wide selection of books of all types is open to the entire membership of Local 12.

Many books are on our library shelves, which, if they were read by our workers would help them to understand the economic conditions of the present and be of considerable instructive value to them.

While it is true that many of our members are using the library, it cannot, in all truth be said that enough of them use it.

For the convenience of those who may find it difficult to get to the library at the hours which it has been open in the past, the room will be kept open on Monday and Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 P. M., and on and after Jan. 9, 1943, will be open each Saturday from 1:00 to 2:00 P. M.

Make a New Year's resolution to use your library more and your librarian will be more than compensated for the extra time he will devote to serving your interest.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS

UNIT	Room	Date
Natl. Supply	101	Dec. 27
Standard Commutator	230	Dec. 27
Toledo Porcelain	230	Dec. 26
American Brake Shoe	Parlor H	Dec. 24
Acklin Stamping	230	Dec. 27
Bingham Stamping	231	Dec. 26
Champion Spark	101	Dec. 24
Ensign Foundry	339	Dec. 27 AM.
Ft. Pitt	342	Dec. 26

NOTE: Monthly meetings will be published once a month on the Friday preceeding the first of every month.

Christmas Greetings
Loyal Order of Moose
Ontario & Cherry St. Toledo, Ohio

Christmas Greetings
To Our Brother Eagles and All Members of Local 12
☆
FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES
440 ERIE ST. AD. 5314
BUY WAR BONDS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
Merry Christmas
To Our Fellow-members in Local 12, and all Locals throughout the District
Richard Gosser
Regional Director
Robt. G. Burkart — Joe Ditzel (U. S. Army)
Howard Seren — James Crowley
Orville Beemer — Lloyd Bracy
International Organizers

Christmas Greetings
Toledo Iron & Steel Co.
Richardson Bldg.

K A - S E E ' S Night Club

Christmas Greetings
J. C. Foth & Sons
Mortuary
Half a Century of Service
2310 Jefferson MA. 3241
Buy War Saving Bonds and Stamps. Keep Our Boys Flying.

Christmas Greetings
Sullivan Machine Co.

Richards Flowers
3378 Cherry Street
Opposite Flower Hospital
GArfield 8761 Toledo, O.

Merry Christmas
To Our Members of Local 12
Walter Murphy, *President*
Melvin Schultz, *Recording Sec'y*
Thomas Burke, *Financial Sec'y*
Norman Meyers, *Treasurer*
And the Executive Committee

Merry Christmas to Our Friends in Local 12

Harry & Clete's Restaurant

"Good Food is Good Health"

2216 MADISON AVE. MA. 0467

A Merry Christmas and An Early Victory!

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The Sinclair Mfg. Co.

Toledo, Ohio

Makers of

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TOLEDO TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION NO. 63

Takes this opportunity to compliment Local No. 12, UAW-CIO for this splendid publication

We also wish to thank the membership for previous cooperation in demanding the Toledo Allied Printing Trades Label.

ALLIED PRINTING TRADES UNION LABEL COUNCIL TOLEDO, O.

The use of this label is the only means of determining union from non-union printing.

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Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to C. I. O. Members

UNITCAST CORPORATION

TOLEDO, OHIO

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ALLOY AND CARBON ELECTRIC STEEL CASTINGS

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A Merry Christmas and A Very Happy New Year

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FLACK EQUIPMENT COMPANY

Toledo, Ohio

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Cytlak's Nite Club

1610 Nebraska Ave.

Featuring Fish Dinners

Beers, Wines and Liquors

Merry Christmas

Graver's Store For Men

"You believe in union goods"

"We sell union made goods"

1258 Dorr Street

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Flowerdale Greenhouse

Lagrange and Peari

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Christmas Greetings to Chevrolet Owners on the Production Front

Kopf Motor Sales Co.

Chevrolet Sales, Service in Toledo Since 1919

1210-1216 Jefferson Ave. at 12th St.

MAin 2248, 2440, 2449

Servicemen Christmas Greetings

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Weekly News Analysis

Darlan: "Free France, Then Retire"! MacArthur's Victories in New Guinea First Milestone in Long Trek to Tokyo; British Cut Rommel's Forces in Two

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysts and not necessarily of this newpaper.)

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Soldiers of General Montgomery's British Eighth army can't complain that they are kept in ignorance of the news on their front and elsewhere. For the British commander has newspapers flown from Cairo to his men at the front. The newsboy here is Pvt. Sam Hayworthy, who was a newsboy in Manchester, England, before enlisting.

TUNISIA: *Darlan's Finesse*

Admiral Jean Darlan showed his adroitness as a politician when he issued a statement disclaiming any his intention of retiring to private personal ambitions and announcing life after helping free France from the Axis. While the statement did not please the Fighting French nor completely answer Darlan's critics, it nevertheless was a significant document.

The catch in the admirals promise to retire, observers pointed out, was that it was not to take place until the war was won. Meanwhile, he would have political sway over North Africa.

To friend and critic alike, however, Darlan's record of collaboration with Lieutenant General Eisenhower and the Allied forces was impressive and formed a sound basis on which to defend the arrangement, temporary or otherwise.

Emphasizing his lack of personal ambition, Darlan said: "I have announced that my sole purpose is to free France and then retire to private life with the hope that future leaders of France may be selected by the French people themselves and on one else."

Rains Came

Tropical rains had intervened to bog down American and British ground forces in the Tunisia warfare, giving the Nazis a respite. Land actions had dwindled down to the extent of patrol sorties, with the Allies apparently continuing to sacrifice forward territory to reduce losses pending the launching of a full-scale offensive.

Operating from main bases in Algeria and from forward makeshift fields in Tunisia, Allied fliers kept up a harassing bombing attack on the Axis-held ports of Tunis and Bizerte. Rains, however kept the action from the forward air fields to intermittent flights. Any stretch of good weather which would dry these fields would permit the Allied air forces to step up their attacks.

PEACE: *Hoover Offers Plan*

Proposing peace plans before actual victory to stabilize conquered countries and prevent the tragedy of a second Versailles treaty, former President Herbert Hoover presented a six-point program that would include:

Total disarmament of the enemy; designation of provisional boundaries of nations; repatriation of war prisoners and refugees; immediate removal of the economic blockade once the enemy surrenders; organization of agncies to prevent famine and disease and aid in reconstruction; provisional restoration of commercial treaties.

Mr. Hoover indicated that he anticipated peace in Europe before the enemy was defeated in Asia.

NEW GUINEA: *MacArthur Milestone*

With the capture of Buna, following the fall of Gona, Gen. Douglas MacArthur scored a significant military success in New Guinea. For by regaining this territory from the Japs, the Allied forces had accomplished their first step in the gigantic job of recapturing the vast territories Japan acquired in its three months' blitzkrieg through the South Pacific following Pearl Harbor.

That the first accomplishment was modest compared with what still lay ahead few stategists denied. The Japs proved tenaciously irksome even after Buna's fall by landing small forces in the vicinity for sniping and guerrilla war. It had taken more than five months to expel the Japs from the comparatively small slice of north central New Guinea they occupied after their first capture of the Gona-Buna beachheads.

Still in Jap hands in New Guinea were the ports of Lae and Salamaua, several hundred miles up the coast. Their capture would probably be the next milestone on MacArthur's march.

Southward in the Solomons, the enemy had pursued its persistent tactics of trying to supply and reinforce its stranded troops on Guadalcanal. And again the attempt was frustrated by forces. American bombers drove off the enemy, sinking either a destroyer or a cruiser from among 10 warships that tried to reach the island.

ROMMEL: *His Forces Split*

Nazi Field Marshal Erwin Rommel found himself in his toughest spot as the British eighth army, commanded by Sir Bernard Montgomery, cut his fleeing Axis forces in two in the Libyan Desert, theatening thousands of enemy troops with capture or death.

In a sudden flanking movement, advanced British forces reached Wadi Matratin, 55 miles west of El Agheila on the Gulf of Sirte. There the British spearhead slashed southward, cutting off Rommel's army. One Nazi force continued to flee to the west and the other was caught between the British main army and the advanced elements.

It had been apparent that Rommel had only been feainting in his defense of El Agheila. But it was just as apparent that Montgomery had outsmarted Rommel.

Even before this latest maneuver, RAF pilots strafed the German columns as they retreated from El Agheila. Early advances necessarily had to be cautious because Rommel had left his wake strewn with land mines.

It appeared increasingly certain that the main question was whether Rommel would succeed in getting his men into Tunisia, 475 miles west of El Agheila, to join with the forces of Gen. Walther Nehring.

1943 PROPHECY: *"Tough Year Ahead"*

Brig. Gen. Leonard P. Ayers first made fame as an economic prophet when he predicted the stock market collapse of 1929. No collapse or panic was in store in his forecast for 1943. But the Cleveland banker did predict it would "probably be our toughest war year, both for individual business men and corporations."

Among Ayers' prognostications for 1943 were:

Despite recent good war news we probably "shall still be engaged in active warfare a year from now." to 20 per cent larger than the 112 National income in 1943 will be 15 billion for 1942. Cost of living up 10 per cent in 1942 will advance 5 to 10 per cent more. Civilian employment of non-farm workers will be up 3 to 5 per cent. Dollar volume of retail stores will be down 10 to 15 per cent. The holiday trade just closed will be the last big season for the duration.

NAZIS STIFFEN: *Defenses in Russia*

Heavy counter-attacks by Nazi tempt to lift the presure on their forces had been expected in an atlgions pinched by Russ armies in the Don River bend near Stalingrad and faced with critical difficulties in the Rzhev area northwest of Moscow. But the Soviet armies had been ready for them and had checked the advances after the Germans made some initial gains.

The Germans had used all the tricks in their bag—dive bombers, tanks and infantry assaults — to roll back the Russians southwest of Stanlingrad, but their efforts resulted in costly losses of men and equipment.

So effective were the Red operations in the Stalingrad area that despite the bitterness of the figsting, workmen protected by the Red arm yhad repaired an extensive mileage of railroad tracks and supply trains were ableto move in for the first time in many months.

That the Germans were determined to hold strategic Rzhev at all costs was indicated by the large number o freserves they threw into waves of attacks on that front. The sturdy Russians, however, absorbed these blows and prepared for further assaults of their own.

FOOD ARBITRATOR: *Byrnes Gets Power*

Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes already had responsibility to spare in fulfilling his critical wartime job. But on the shoulders of this willing official were piled new powers, when President Roosevelt vested him with the task of arbitrating any disputes that might arise over the operation of Claude R. Wickard's Office of War Food Administration.

What those disputes might be, neither the President nor Mr. Byrnes would disclose. But Wash-

JAMES F. BYRNES
. . . *Umpire-in-chief.*

ington observers pointed out that the complex problem of adequately feeding the nation as well as the armed forces during wartime might result in jurisdictional clashes between Mr. Wickard and Donald M. Nelson, War Production chief.

Mr. Byrnes revealed, however, that on the day President Roosevelt named Secretary of Agriculture Wickard as food administrator, he handed Mr. Byrnes a letter making him the White House mediation agent.

NAVY RECRUITING: *Extended Temporarily*

Navy, marine and coast guard recruiting offices were doing a land office business. For with the official order to reopen enlistments in these services until February 1, thousanrs of men in the 18 to 37 age-class flocked to the colors.

The decision to permit volunteering temporarily in the three services was made because arrangements to draft men for them could not be completed for a few weeks.

Under the temporary volunteer plan a draft registrant had to volunteer through his local selective service board. If the board approved his application, it waived examination by its physcan and sent the applcant directly to the recruiting office of the branch of service he selected. I the volunteeer were rejected in his chosen service, his draft status was the same as before and he remained subject to induction for another service or for limited service. He would then resume the draft status he had before volunteering.

HIGHLIGHTS . . . *in the week's news*

LONDON: Re-establishment of French sovereignty over Madagascar was provided for in an agreement signed by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Gen. Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Fighting French forces. The provisiona British military adminstration will end with the arrival of Gen. Gentilhomme, commander-in-chief of the Fighting French.

ROME: Father Alesio Magni was selected vicar general of the Jesuit Order to hold office until a new general is elected, it was reported here. Father Magni was chosen by the late Father Count Wladimir Ledochowski, general of the order before his death recently in Vatiran City. Father Magni's name was in a sealed envelope left by Father Ledorhowski.

Santa Gives

Santa Claus snapped handing out one of the many gifts which are given to all the children of Local 12 at last Sunday's Christmas party at the Civic Auditorium.

Detroit Job-Freeze Expected To Spread

By Federated Press

Because the job-stabilization plan agreed to by unions, employers and government in the Detroit area is expected to serve as a model to apply to the rest of the country the essential clauses are here quoted.

"1. Employers will refuse to hire or solicit workers from other essential industries within the area unless the applicant presents a certificate of release from his former employer or from the review unit of the U. S. Employment Service. Workers whose requests for the certificate are refused by their employer may appeal to the review unit. Workers or employers may appeal any decision of the review unit to the District War Manpower Committee for final action.

"2. The following circumstances may be considered illustrative of acceptable reasons for changing employment:

(a) When the worker is competent to perform higher skilled work than his current employer is able or willing to provide.

(b) When the worker is employed for a substantial period at less than full time. Full time employment at this time is understood to be 40 hours per week or the working hours and periods of time as specified in existing union agreements.

(c) When the distance between the worker's residence and the place of employment is unreasonably great, considering restrictions on the use of gasoline and tires and the load on transportation facilities.

(d) When the worker has compelling personal reasons for wishing to change.

(e) When the worker is employed at wages or under working conditions substantially less favorable than those prevailing in the community for the kind of work on which he is employed.

"3. The problem of providing employment for workers at their highest skills is an individual matter and must be so handled . . .

"4. Where the employe is competent to perform a higher skill than his current employer is able or willing to provide, or where the employe is working at less than full time for a substantial period as defined in Sec. 2b, the employe may change his employment and maintain his seniority status with his former employer. . . . Any employe granted this special leave of absence may be recalled by his former employer for employment at such higher skill and for full time employment. . . . If the employe fails to return within five working days after such notice, he shall forfeit all seniority rights with his original employer . . .

"5. Employers will utilize the facilities of the USES to supplement existing facilities.

"6. Advertising for skilled workers will be eliminated unless the advertisement contains a clause that only persons eligible for employment under the WMC employment stabilization plan need apply.

"7. Employers are not to advertise, recruit or scout for workers outside of the Detroit area without clearance with the USES or the government contracting agency for which the plant is producing materials.

"8. An aggressive program will be adopted in cooperation with the WMC for the reduction of absenteeism, full utilization of training programs, apprenticeship programs, upgrading and necessary job dilution. Employers and labor organizations will cooperate in eliminating any contract provisions which are in the way of accomplishing these desired objectives.

"9. Employers are to seek maximum utilization of local labor of every kind.

"10. This plan becomes effective immediately and is not retroactive. Detailed procedure implementing this plan will be issued byt the district director, WMC, after approval by the WMC."

UAW Says MLB Breeds Strikes,

DETROIT—(FP)—The National War Labor Board's "chaotic machinery, amounting almost to collapse, is more responsible than any other single factor for the few unauthorized strikes that have occurred," was the comment of UAW Secretary-Treasurer George F. Addes on WLB statements that the board would not handle cases until all strikers return.

President R. J. Thomas of the UAW-CIO is a WLB member but also denounces its procedure.

Celebrate Golden Wedding

W.-O. Employe Married 50 Years

Fifty years of wedded life will be observed by Mr. and Mrs. Isreal Bodi, 716 Indiana Ave., Dec. 27.

Mr. Bodi is employed as a millwright at the Willys-Overland Co. and is a member of the Willys Unit. He has been with the company nearly 15 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Bodi were married in Oak Harbor, where they lived for eight years after their marriage. They moved to Toledo in 1899 and have resided at their present address for nearly 35 years. The Bodis had nine children, seven of whom still are living.

A golden wedding party in observance of the occasion will be held at Henneman's Hall on the anniversary. Attending will be their seven children, 13 grandchildren and one great grandchild, as well as relatives and close friends.

Dinner will be served at 2 p. m. for the immediate family with a reception beginning at 7 p. m.

Eldena Donovan, CIO recommendations office, and Hazel Tiller, Local 12 dues office, are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bodi.

Warn Workers Away From Crowded Areas

NEW YORK—A warning to U. S. women to keep their families away from overcrowded war industry areas was issued by the Office of War Information here.

Areas which the OWI described as "bursting at their seams" include Norfolk, Va., Baltimore, Hartford, Conn., Portland, Me., Detroit, Seattle and Portland, Ore.

Beauty

Evelyn Lamson, protege of Paul Spor and beauty winner of 1941, not only is easy to look at but gives a nice performance on the xylophone, and is a tap dancer of ability. Evelyn entertained the children at the Local 12 Christmas party last Sunday.

They Cried For Santa

Dick Smith, associate editor of the Toledo Union Journal, brought Gerry (left) and Larry, his twin boys. They cried until Santa picked them up and gave them their presents at the Local 12 party last Sunday.

NWLB Rules Against Unions

Has No Power To Issue Order In Municipal Disputes

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON—(FP)—The Natl. War Labor Board Dec. 15 decided that it had no power under the Presidential order which created it to issue any order in disputes involving state or municipal governments. The decision was unanimous.

Three pending cases are thereby tossed back to the unions who appealed them to the board after municipal authorities refused to bargain collectively with employes.

The board completely reversed recommendations of a panel, composing President Milton Murray, American Newspaper Guild (CIO) and the eminent legal authority, Prof. Alexander Hamilton Frey of the University of Pennsylvania.

The panel recommended that the city of Newark be directed to recognize Local 277, State, County and Municipal Workers (CIO), and to negotiate wage adjustments and overtime pay with the union. In its stated opinion 65 strikers were refused reinstatement through discrimination, and the Department of Public Works should be ordered to reinstate them.

The board's decision leaves *the* SCMW just where it was—against an anti-union, hostile employer, Commissioner J. M. Byrne, who decided before the case was argued before the board that it did not have jurisdiction.

Likewise the Transport Workers Union (CIO), which has been getting the run-around for a year from the New York City Board of Transportation, is left with no appeal from the undemocratic set-up of the board.

President Michael Quill told the board that the union would not strike, but that the city authorities could not break the union. Mayor F. H. LaGuardia boycotted the hearing when the board asked him to appear.

The third case affects 800 workers of the municipally owned gas and water system in Omaha, members of the State, County and Municipal Employes (AFL).

Prof. Wayne L. Morse, without dissenting, made a separate statement pointing out that labor disputes with municipalities can be as disruptive to the war effort as those with private industry.

Many other critical situations now become more critical in view of the NWLB ruling. As President Abram Flaxer of the SCMW said, government workers have been pushed around so long that they are leaving the public service and entering war industries. He cited instances!

The mayor of Akron, where the turnover has increased 100%, has asked for a job-freeze to keep city employes from going into rubber and chemical work.

In one state hospital in Michigan the turnover is 186%. In some mental hospitals the personnel problem is so acute that inmates are given jobs. At the Ypsilante (Mich.) State Hospital an inmate is chief cook.

In the Salem, Ore., state mental hospital where 47 men and women recently died of poisoning, inmates had been given jobs assisting in the kitchen and had unwittingly substituted rat powder for powdered milk.

In Detroit, where 16 war workers and school children lost their lives when the bus in which they were packed was wrecked, the entire transportation system is seriously undermanned.

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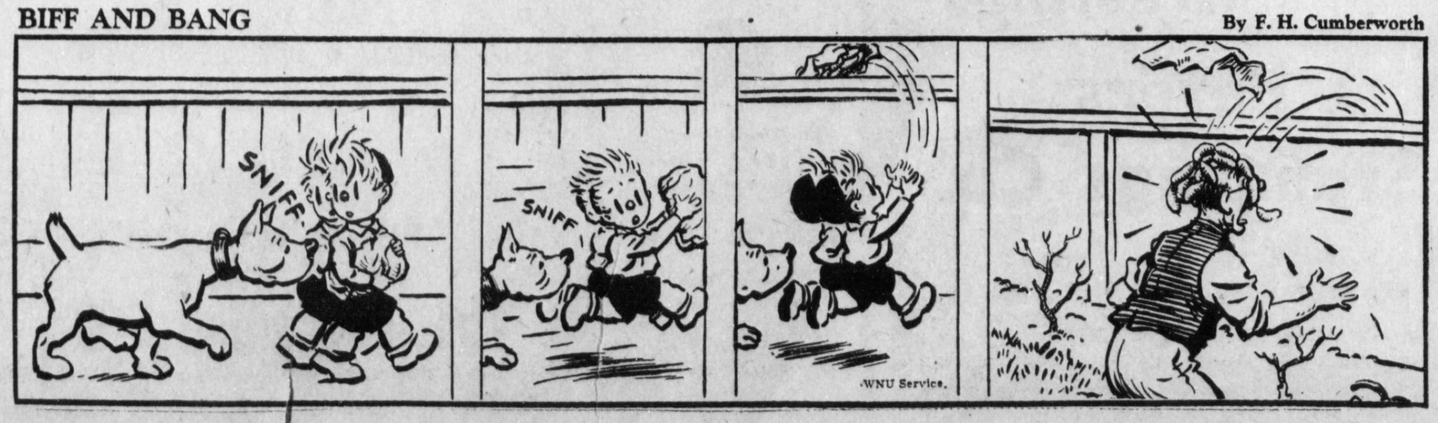

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UAW All Stars Have A Bad Bowling Session

Low Scores Mark Tuesday Games; No Alibis Offered

Last Tuesdy night was one of those kind of nights that all bowlers and bowling leagues run into every so often.

Nobody seemed to have any zip and on top of that, the Spicer team was unable to roll because Clarence Boldt had suffered a broken knee. It was just one of those listless evenings when everything seemed to be off, and the harder the boys tried, the tougher the going became.

Even the old reliable boys who consistently roll on the sunny side of 600 couldn't seem to make the ball do what they wanted it to, and as a result, the 600 scores were rarer than the proverbial hen's teeth.

Nobody seemed able to think up a good alibi, nor were any offered for the scores which were shot. Not even the old wheeze about the damp weather or the thaw or any of the time-worn gags were dragged out and dished up. It was just the opposite of a few weeks ago when the Auto-Lite team up and shattered the season's record.

Funny thing about bowling, when everybody goes to pieces, there doesn't seem to be a thing to do about it. On the other hand, when some team gets hot, it seems to afect everybody, and as a result all scores run higher than usual.

Next week is another week, and chances are the boys will be out of the doldrums and back in form. Maybe it's the Christmas spirit, or thoughts of what they are going to buy their wives, or somethin'. At any rate, there is no bragging to be done about our Local 12 All-Stars in their Tuesday night session, and only the hope that after the holidays are over, all the boys will get away to a flying start and begin the New Year with a bang.

Meanwhile, everybody is wondering just why the scores were so low, but that is a question that few bowlers, if any, have ever been able to answer, and it's not a question that any of the All-Stars are going to try and answer, at least not for another week.

W.-O. Boys Score

Land in Top Spots At Bowl-O-Drome

Willys-Overland bowlers not only are holding their own in their own league, but last Sunday night scored in the upper bracket at the first Toledo sweepstakes of the year held at the Bowl-O-Drome alleys.

Leo, Straus, Bill Meyers and Cap Piojda landed three, four and five in the order named and all turned in good scores in stiff competition to take their places.

The boys were on the beam and made their good showing against 96 other bowlers who are all in the upper bowling circles.

Basketball Teams Play for W-O And Spicer

Willys-Overland and Spicer have each entered a basketball team in the Y. M. C. A. Industrial League.

Spicer has asked for practice games and would like to get in touch with any teams which would like to play against them. Earl Ordway may be contacted at the Spicer plant by anyone desiring a game.

Willys team has begun its season and more will be heard about the team later. Last year, the Willys team was runner-up in the Industrial Leagues after having won the championship in its own league.

Spicer Basketball

The Spicer boys have organized a fast basketball team this year and are looking for a practice game with any Industrial League team. For games, please contact E. Ordway at Spicer.

Conservation News

By O. J. Pecord

THE ENTIRE personnel of the Ohio Division of Conservation and Natural Resources—and the Public Relations in particular—wish to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the fine treatment of our news releases regarding the activities of our department, and of conservation in general—AND TO WISH YOU THE VERY BEST POSSIBLE CHRISTMAS AND A MORE HOPEFUL NEW YEAR.

R. B. HOWARD
Public Relations Director
OLIVER HARTLEY
Editor, The Ohio Conservation Bulletin

WILDLIFE CAFETERIAS NEEDED IN WINTER

Wintry blasts which have hit Ohio recently, making it difficult for wildlife to fend for themselves, brought Oho's wildlife "cafterias" into action again.

Field men of the Ohio Division of Conservation and Natural Resources, as well as sportsmen's clubs, farm boys and grls, Boy Scouts and individuals, annually save thousands of Ohio birds and animals through feeding and the construction of simple shelters.

The Division's food planting program, known as patch planting, greatly aids in this work. Seed was provided for several hundreds of acres of food patches all over Ohio this year and this method of providing food is becoming more popular each year.

The Division's distribution of approximately a half million food-bearng shrubs and trees each year, during the past two years, is a part of the Division's 15-point program intended to provide food and cover for wildlife. The land-owner also benefits through the prevention of soil erosion.

To relieve an unnecessary drain upon farm crops, so vital in the war effort, the Division was far sighted enough to make a multiple use of its state-owned lands.

YOUTHFUL HUNTERS

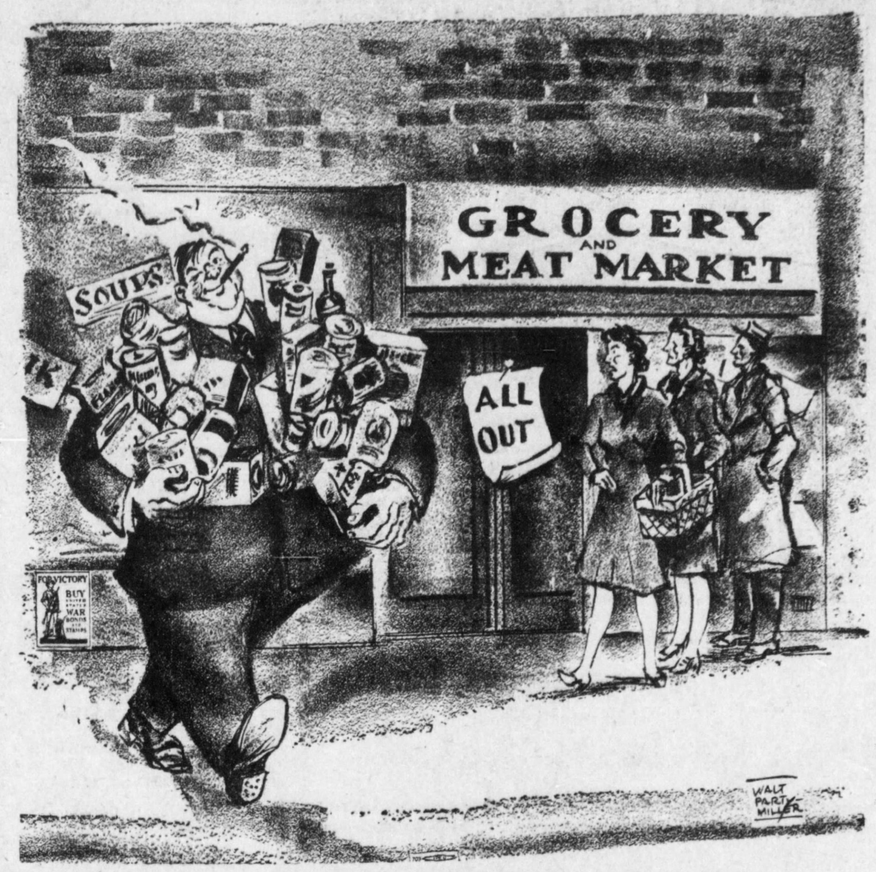
E. B. Cooke, Supervisor of District No. 4, of the Ohio Division of Conservation and Natural Resources, reports that there were more young hunters in the fields this year than ever before.

Many of the supervisors and game protectors also report that the number of women hunters has increased from year to year.

While there is no objection to boys, and even girls, hunting—in fact it is a good thing for them to learn to enjoy the outdoors—there is danger of increased hunting accidents if they are not properly instructed in the use of firearms. In fact, several of those injured this year in hunting accidents were youngsters, which emphasizes the necessity of their hunting with older hunters and a thorough training in handling of guns.

Field men of the Division have co-operated with the schools in giving lectures on the use of firearms and a constant safety program is maintained by the Division of Conservation and Natural Resources. Since the number of accidents during the last few years has not increased in ratio to the increased number of hunting licenses sold, there is reason to believe that safety campaigns have saved many lives.

I Got Mine (That's All That Matters)



Hot Stove League

By IMA PIKER

About this time of year, the grey beards (because that's about all that's left behind) sit themselves down to talk over the prospects for the coming baseball season.

Locally, it looks like we should have enough men left to get a couple of good baseball teams under way and maybe an indoor league.

Of course, nobody knows what will happen between now and the flowers that bloom in the spring to put the old kibosh on the sport that is known as the grand old American game. With the draft boards getting to the point where they must take men whether they want to or not, nearly all the younger fellows who really play the game are liable to be carrying a rifle instead of a ball bat, and be knocking over Japs instead of over fences.

If there are enough fellows left by spring, Local 12 no doubt will sponsor another UAW League of indoor players and make up enough teams to make the race at least interesting.

While on the subject of indoor, it seems to me that this sport is better patronized by fans than the hardball variety. Why this should be so no one knows except that it seems to be that more can play the game than regulation baseball, and even mediocre players are not apt to look so bad as in the hardball game.

Softball in many ways is more interesting than hardball because, for the most part, the games are more evenly contested and there is not quite so much hitting as in baseball.

Maybe I'm starting something by holding out for softball, but then there are a lot of things to be said for baseball.

One thing is certain, baseball players must play a much different kind of game than the soft variety. Baseball players can look mighty foolish on some plays that a softball player wouldn't even get a raised eyebrow for. On the whole, I would say baseball requires a lot more skill and dexterity than softball, but maybe I'm prejudiced,

Anyhow, it seems to me that it's about time to start thinking about the baseball and indoor season and with January practically on us, it won't be long before the crack of the bat meeting the incoming ball will be music in the ears of thousands of Americans.

Of all the events through the history of man there is none so wonderful as Christmas. To Joseph, the humble carpenter of Nazareth and Mary, a child was born in a lowly manger in Bethlehem.

A wonderous star of the east lighted the heavens and music filled the air. The wise men and the shepherds came to see where Jesus lay His head.

Here was a perfect gift of love. God sent His Son to walk with mortal men . . . that through Him they might be saved.

Christmas . . . Merry Christmas . . . it is here. Let us rejoice and sing, Glory to God in the highest . . . Peace on earth . . . Good will to men.

CHRISTMAS

The Angels sang,
The wise men came
And Shepherds left their flocks;
A child is born
On Christmas morn
Among the manger stocks.

Mary pondered,
Joseph wondered
Why these things should be;
The God above
Sent His love
To set His people free.

O ring the bells,
The music swells,
And this it seems to say—
He's born again
In hearts of men
Upon this Christmas Day.

DON PARSON
"The Bard of Flatrock"

The Acklinite

By LEWIS MATTOX

Lots of the boys and girls from the Acklin and other shops may have some trouble getting into the proper spirit for this Christmas due to the war. Some of the boys will get the proper spirits, but they too will be harder to get with John Bricker rationing the stuff.

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The Christmas party of the Acklin Unit will be held according to schedule on Christmas afternoon at 2:00 p. m. While the party is for the kiddies, it is also for the grownups, so come on out and enjoy the day, you Acklinites and quaff the delicious and delectable delicacies delivered for your delight. Place—Polonia Hall, Vance and Junction Ave.

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If you folks from Acklin will look down at the bottom and center of this page, you will find a schedule of your next meeting. A great big door prize will be given and some lucky guy or gal will come away richer for having attended. So, if nobody comes, why maybe I'll win it myself. Best thing to do if you don't like Lew Mattox and don't want me to win the door prize is to come and keep me from it.

BOWLING SCORES

NATIONAL SUPPLY CIO LOCAL No. 12 Standings

	Won	Lost
Inspection	28	17
Navy	27	18
Tool Joint	26	19
Chain Dept.	26	19
Maintenance	25	20
No. 2 Machine Shop	25	20
Dept. No. 37	23	22
Forge Shop	23	22
Shipping B	22	23
SDept. No. 39	21	24
Nighthawks	19	26
Dept. No. 36	19	26
Weld Shop	17	28
Shipping A	14	31

TOOL JOINT

Miller	147	170	130
Frisbee	119	145	128
Nadolny	115	111	122
Ramsdell	99	134	109
Severence	140	154	153
Handicap	11	11	11
	631	725	648

NAVY DEPARTMENT

Palicki	147	116	121
Pirwitz	130	191	151
Atkins	121	151	130
Coleman	128	149	115
Stambaugh	188	173	136
	714	780	653

MAINTENANCE

R. Welton	131	122	142
F. Trawinski	131	163	154
J. Rhoades	158	182	167
C. Rhoades	142	93	135
D. Nofziger	150	185	185
	712	745	783

INSPECTION

E. Krise	131	149	170
F. Herr	144	130	124
R. McGinnis	154	161	112
J. Biscay	197	165	189
K. Barnard	133	157	128
Handicap	26	26	26
	785	788	749

DEPARTMENT 36

Reese	118	123	126
Burdo	87	94	140
Beal	134	134	134
C. Krasinski	166	221	124
F. Dressel	141	170	157
Handicap	61	61	61
	707	803	742

DEPARTMENT 37

P. Bordner Jr.	167	162	151
C. Gueldenzoph	130	111	96
R. Birsen	166	133	141
D. Bordner Sr.	186	193	176
L. Lefevre	192	190	173
	841	789	737

SHIPPING "B"

Young	154	134	141
Houser	113	143	196
Wakefield	137	170	134
Van Dielen	130	114	142
Porter	131	157	138
	665	718	751

SHIPPING "A"

Luettke	166	145	130
Gazechowiak	103	134	95
Anderson	94	115	149
Grimes	110	135	119
Kuehl	146	115	113
Handicap	22	22	22
	631	687	651

DEPARTMENT 39

Sloan	164	155	168
Coon	165	160	124
Blesing	142	113	161
Hoot	148	134	148
Campbell	172	143	142
Handicap	50	50	50
	841	755	793

FORGE SHOP

Tenny	192	166	154
Munch	147	147	147
Windisch	182	181	201
Zeilinski	181	142	127
O. Henry	200	149	201
	902	785	830

NIGHT HAWKS

Wrayton	192	171	137
Lorenz	106	126	152
Klaniecki	146	146	162
Penn	155	155	155
McKnight	178	177	133
	777	775	739

CHAIN DEPARTMENT

Reilly	160	164	152
Barnes	113	152	149
Boise	143	129	153
Urban	205	125	155
Black	195	157	200
Handicap	20	20	20
	836	747	829

NO. 2 MACHINE SHOP

E. Greene	131	148	146
L. Angel	126	110	134
H. Gowman	152	94	133
N. Hoering	202	99	115
R. Hockmuth	146	168	163
Handicap	19	19	19
	776	638	710

WELD SHOP

Rockwell	117	151	111
Hanna	143	101	123
Wilson	145	119	138
Judd	151	149	152
Redmond	156	112	168
	712	632	692

NATIONAL SUPPLY

Jim Batenan	148	187	171
Roy Knaggs	123	189	195
Ed. Bring	202	192	113
Chuck Woods	209	197	780
John Brug	186	159	177
	868	919	856

AUTO LITE

Lew Scou	123	159	113
Birdie Strauss	158	212	176
Elmer Gwinner	181	187	178
Joe Bates	179	244	191
Joe Navarre	177	189	212
	818	991	870

CHAMPION SPARK PLUG
UAW Local 12—All Star

Roman Obarski	183	200	152
Lou Block	226	138	186
Mel. Orlowski	182	167	178
Bernie Krieger	176	157	162
Jack Grocki	172	156	150
	939	818	828

ACKLIN STAMPING

Jack Lusher	180	185	131
Dan Zielinski	176	176	171
Joe Kardos	223	170	233
Jim Zawodny	169	177	189
Frank Wekwert	142	210	146
	890	918	870

MATHER SPRING
UAW Local 12 All Star

John Bender	166	127	197
Bern Zawodny	125	134	126
Chuck Ruth	168	169	165
Frank Malkowski	158	156	160
Bill Farkas	175	113	182
	792	699	830

WILLYS OVERLAND

Leo Strauss	155	218	188
Bill Meyers	184	150	224
Chas. Urbanski	136	146	192
Ed Polus	176	153	171
Cap Piojda	188	191	191
	839	858	966

UAW Local 12, All Star

	Won	Lost
Overland	40	5
Auto Lite	34	11
Champion	25	20
Spicer	23	19
National Supply	19	26
Acklin Stamping	22	23
A. C. Klapping	14	28
Mather Spring	12	33

Willys-Overland Ladies' League

Meterettes				Bearing Girls			
Danielak	68	79	118	Kern	105	103	116
Olivadese	92	81	87	Kasperski	99	89	129
Schatz	91	140	103	Su ·iniski	117	114	143
Walczak	114	92	107	Trychel	92	101	124
Mendoza	102	74	95	R'zk'ski	121	161	114
	74	74	74		52	52	52
	541	540	584		586	620	678

Gasket Girls				Powerettes			
Ballard	101	99	128	Starkey	108	108	102
Fisher	102	115	127	Brubaker	107	92	109
Kusner	107	101	156	G. Kinzel	91	84	111
Walczyk	98	93	118	I. Kinzel	63	87	113
Domb'ski	133	102	104	Pasyk	134	95	109
	68	68	68		74	74	74
	609	578	701		577	540	618

Inspectors				Fillerettes			
Kam'ski	128	117	154	Nagel	102	127	104
Smigielski	88	71	97	Neimeyer	112	120	155
White	88	99	121	Kubicki	158	98	88
	102	98	88	Demski	95	108	101
	95	108	101	Heltman	125	128	140
	64	64	64	Handicap	58	58	58
	565	557	625		650	639	646

Fuelerettes				Packers			
Fargo	106	133	79	Cose	113	112	97
Mikols	73	140	83	Nassar	92	129	133
Seretsky	83	119	76	Gancarz	134	97	93
Pa'kolski	122	131	148	Mears	118	132	134
Steinmillr	87	107	95	Barker	137	132	134
Handicap	70	70	70	Handicap	48	48	48
	541	700	551		642	650	621

Borderettes				Jeeperettes			
Jank'ski	160	135	118	Reed	150	183	151
Pinski	98	126	110	Hodge	98	131	118
Montz	69	100	111	G. Miller	112	131	127
Kovach	132	150	101	M. Miller	104	126	110
eroain'S	4iic		8128	E.Kruger	147	142	134
Siwajek	126	128	132	Handicap	38	38	38
Handicap	41	41	41				
	626	680	613		649	721	678

W-O Ladies' League Standings

	Won	Lost
Jeeperettes	45	3
Borderettes	35	13
Packerettes	29	19
Filterettes	29	19
Gasket Girls	22	26
Powerettes	21	27
Bearing Girls	19	29
Fuelerettes	15	33
Inspectors	14	34
Meterettes	10	38

Sorry

Due to the Christmas holiday, we were forced to go to press one day sooner than usual. As a result, Spicer and other scores are not in this edition. Anyhow, Merry Christmas.

A. C. KLAPPING

J. Garry	159	162	179
F. Molik	178	156	157
W. Rybka	179	154	166
S. Pruss	168	107	156
F. Marlow	162	181	204
	846	760	862

Sport Reporters

Is order to facilitate reports on this page, we would like to have a sports reporter from all shops having bowling, basketball or any other sports. Please contact the editor at MAin 8124, Toledo Union Journal.

'Lumberjill'

"Lumberjills" are pinch hitting for the men in harvesting the state of Washington's Christmas tree crop. Here Mary Giblin trims the trunk of a young tree before shipping. About 50 railroad cars will be used for Washington's crop.

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American	Marathon Recreation
Major	Colony Recreation
Minor	Colony Recreation
Midnight	Marathon Recreation
Whitcomb	West Toledo Recreation
Breakfast Club	Bowl-O-Drome Recreation
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Spicerettes No. 2	Colony Recreation

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Merry Christmas

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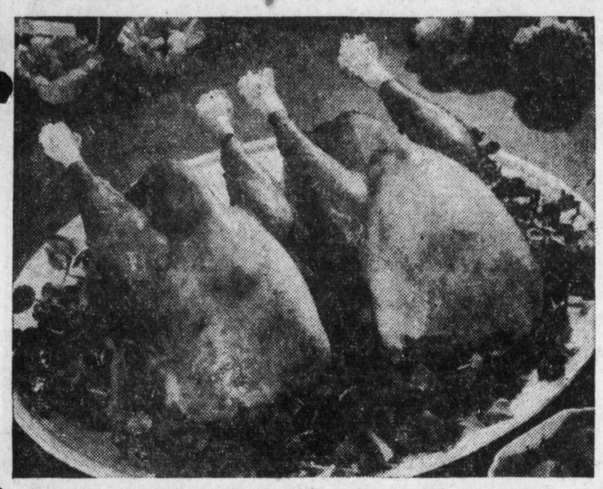

Say It With Food . . . A Very Merry Christmas!
(See Recipes Below.)

Yuletide Trimmings

Christmas time has come again with its warm and cheery spirit of giving, of receiving, and of hoping—for the peace on earth and goodwill towards men.

It's the time for lovely carols and their message that never grows old,

time for the fire on the hearth and the yule logs ablaze and a-crackle that bring memories of the whole family together for Christmas—in other, in happier days. It's a time for lining the pantry shelves with goodies for the Christmas feast, of pleasant bustling, of children foraging for presents and cookies.

Christmas was always a time for rejoicing, and so let it be this year—for in the deeper sense it will always be the time for glad tidings.

Now, for the pleasant bustling and the business of putting together the holiday feast. This year's menu will be simpler and tuned to ration times—so those you love will have their share, too.

Start things out by helping yourself to tomato juice (hot or cold, flavored with lemon juice), or something different like pineapple juice with a scoop of raspberry sherbet, or grapefruit juice with lime sherbet—served in the living room with tiny crisp crackers.

Save work at the dinner table by passing out the relishes—green and ripe olives, celery curls and salted nuts with the fruit drink and crackers in the living room.

If you have had a turkey for Thanksgiving, give the other poultry a try at Christmastime. There's roast chicken or capon two of each—will serve a good sized family gathering. Or, roast goose is traditionally nice as is roast duck with apple or wild rice and mushroom stuffing in place of the apples.

***Roast Chicken or Capon.**

Season capon or chicken inside and out with salt, pepper and a few grains of ginger. Fill with dressing and place in a dripping pan with ¼ cup fat, from chicken preferably. Dust lightly with flour and roast in a moderate oven. Baste and turn frequently. Add water as necessary to prevent drying and to make gravy. Roast until tender. A 6-pound chicken or capon requires about 2½ hours.

***Savory Stuffing.**
(Enough for 5 to 6 pound fowl)

5 to 6 cups fine bread crumbs
¼ cup minced parsley
¾ cup minced onion
¼ cup chopped celery
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon poultry seasoning or sage
½ cup chicken stock
1 beaten egg

Cook giblets until tender. Drain and brown in hot chicken fat or butter with 1 tablespoon minced onion. Chop fine. Combine bread crumbs and seasonings. Add stock, egg and giblets. Chill overnight or for an hour to blend seasoning.

There's nothing like an attractive garnish with sharp flavor to point up the food values of your dinner. Cinnamon apples do just that for your Christmas platter of chicken:

***Cinnamon Apples.**

Core and pare apples. Make a syrup out of 1 cup sugar, 1½ cups water (or, 1¼ cups corn syrup—light—and 1 cup water) and 3 heaping tablespoons cinnamon drops. Place apples in syrup and cook, covered, slowly, basting frequently until apples are tender and brightly tinted.

Christmas Dinner
Pineapple Juice with
Raspberry Sherbet
Crackers Olives Celery Curls
*Roast Chicken
*Savory Stuffing Cream Gravy
*Sweet Potato Casserole
*Green Beans in Sauce
*Cinnamon Apples
*Finger Rolls
Plum Pudding
Beverage Mints
*Recipes Given

At a poll taken of servicemen's favorite foods, sweet potato casserole took a mighty fine lead. So, if that boy of yours is coming home, and has pinned his vote on this sweet potato dish, here's the way to put it together:

***Sweet Potato Casserole.**
(Serves 6)

3 cups hot, mashed sweet potatoes
3 tablespoons butter
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon grated lemon rind
2 egg yolks, beaten
½ cup crushed canned pineapple
2 egg whites
6 marshmallows

Beat potatoes until fluffy. Add seasonings and beaten yolks. Fold in pineapple. Cool. Then fold in egg whites. Bake in a buttered dish, topped with marshmallows in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for 25 minutes.

***Green Beans in Sauce.**
(Serves 6)

1 pound fresh green beans
or
1 can green beans (No. 2)
1 tablespoon chopped onion
2 tablespoons butter
⅓ cup chili sauce

Cook onion in butter until soft. Add chili sauce and seasoned green beans. Cook until thoroughly heated.

Fresh, homemade rolls! Ah, what compliments they stir in the heart of every diner! Here is a very simple recipe you'll like:

***Finger Rolls.**

½ cup sugar
1 tablespoon salt
2 tablespoons lard
1 tablespoon butter
2 cups boiling water
2 yeast cakes
¼ cup warm water
1 teaspoon sugar
2 eggs, beaten light
1½ pounds flour

Dissolve the first four ingredients in boiling water. Let cool. Dissolve yeast and sugar in lukewarm water. When first mixture is cool, combine with yeast and eggs. Add ½ of the flour. Beat thoroughly for 10 minutes. Add remaining flour and continue beating until it blisters. Brush top with melted butter and cover. Place in refrigerator until it doubles in bulk. Shape into rolls. Let rise for 2 to 3 hours before baking.

Lynn Says:

Ducks or Goose? If you're serving ducks for Christmas, get the best results by rubbing the outside of the bird with onion or garlic, pepper, salt, paprika and ginger. Fill with stuffing and roast with onions and celery.

A wild rice and mushroom stuffing has an affinity for ducks: Saute ½ pound of sliced mushrooms in 2 tablespoons butter, then add 1 cup wild rice which has been boiled, and season to taste.

With goose, it is a slightly different story. Rub the goose with salt, pepper, onion. Stuff with apple or potato stuffing and roast with a few slices of lemon, whole apples and celery.

Does the whipped cream get sulky? The cake fall at the crucial moment? The table decorations look flat and pointless? Explain your problem to Lynn Chambers and she'll tell you what to do about it. Write her at Western Newspaper Union, 210 South Desplaines Street, Chicago, Ill. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your reply.

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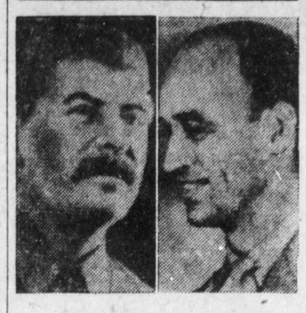
Christmas Greetings from A Friend

Birthdays of the Week



Josef Stalin, head of the Soviet Union, and spur behind the heroic Russian defense, was 63 years of age on Dec. 21. He is shown at the left. James Roosevelt (roght), eldest son of the President and a captain in the U. S. Marine Corps, was 36 years old on Dec. 23. Captain Roosevelt participated in the raid on Jap-held Makin Island in the Southwest Pacific.

Post-War Building Faces Boom

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19—Sharp revival in privately financed homebuilding during the post-war period is anticipated by many bankers active in the home mortgage field, according to a survey of banking opinion on the post-war home financing outlook appearing in the current issue of the Insured Mortgage Portfolio, official publication of the Federal Housing Administration.

While the existence of numerous problems in the home financing field is conceded, most of the statements contributed will be one of the principal means of bridging the transition between a wartime and a peacetime economy so as to maintain maximum employment and industrial activity, and to advance the national standard of living after the war is won.

The rehabilitation of blighted neighborhoods is cited in a number of instances as one of the outstanding problems of the post-war housing era. Other problems foreseen in some cases include the possibility of deflationary post-war influences in areas having a large volume of war housing or resulting from rising construction costs and values during the wartime period.

In numerous instances, stress is placed upon the assistance anticipated from the FHA insured mortgage system in stimulating post-war new home inancing.

Food Cost Still Rising

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—The average family food bill rose 1.2% between Oct. 13 and Nov. 17, Sec. of Labor Frances Perkins said Dec. 12. Most of this increase was in fresh fruits and vegetables and fresh fish, none of which are under Office of Price Administration control. They advanced 6.6% and are now 21% higher than last May's prices.

Food prices under OPA control rose .5% over the month. Within the last few days OPA announced there would be slight increases in some 16 products.

Cost of food in general is 16% higher than at this time last year, and 40% higher than it was at the outbreak of war in Europe.

15% Is Maximum

WASHINGTON (FP) So-called escalator clauses which would allow raise increases because of a rise in living costs, will be ruled out by the National War Labor Board if the increased wages would be more than 15% higher than wages paid Jan. 1, 1942. The NWLB so ruled in a general order made public Dec. 15.

Priest Assails Press For Anti-Labor Bias

Places Employers In 4 Groups

By Federated Press

CINCINNATI, Dec. 18.—The sins of labor are splattered on page one of the nation's newspapers, its many more constructive accomplishments are ignored or buried, the Rev. Louis J. Weitzman, S. J., lecturer at Detroit University, said here Dec. 14.

Weitzman made this observation on slanted newspaper stories in a speech at the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems. The Detroit clergyman singled out Westbrook Pegler for citicism.

"Government is not only designed to protect the people against foreign invasion," Weitzman said in conclusion. "It also is designed to protect aggressions against the common man. We are now fighting to protect our freedom. Why should it not be just as important for government to intervene to protect the common man?"

Earlier the conference heard R. A. McGowan, assistant director of the Social Action Department, Natl. Catholic Welfare Conference, describe big business as "divided into four groups in its thinking on the future."

One view, he said, is that of the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers, "which is that of the businessman before 1929." Another group advocates the extension of social legislation and public works programs, a third group favors extension of monopoly, and a fourth group, which he believes is closest to the truth, believes in a stable economy in which labor, the government and the consumers would jointly keep the price structure in balance with the wage structure.

Would Change Our Small Change

Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross, director of the U. S. mint, chats with Senator Robert Wagner of New York, chairman of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, when Mrs. Ross appeared before that committee to testify. The group is considering a request for authorization to substitute other materials for the strategic metals now used in minor coinage.

CIO Demands Sir Wilkins Be Investigated

By Federated Press

SEATTLE—A report that Sir Hubert Wilkins, noted British explorer, advocated ceding Alaska to Japan in a recent Chicago speech touched off a demand for an immediate investigation of his connections by delegates to the Intl. Fishermen & Allied Workers (CIO) convention here Dec. 10.

The union, which warned of the danger of appeasing Japan long before Pearl Harbor, unanimously passed a resolution urging the secretary of war, Pacific coast congressmen and the FBI to investigate Wilkins.

"Such vicious appeasement at the very moment of our first real offensive against the Axis in the Pacific and in Europe must be exposed to its invisible roots and stamped out by an aroused people," the resolution said.

The union, whose 20,000 members operate fishing boats along the Pacific coast, also asked President Roosevelt to enroll the fishermen in an auxiliary coastal patrol to assist in protecting coastal area.

Citizenship Defended

New York (FP)—The American Civil Liberties Union has offered its services to State Senator Stanley Nowak of Detroit in challenging the Government's attack on his citizenship.

HOUSTON, Tex.—The United Steelworkers (CIO) won an NLRB election against the Independent Metal Workers at the Hughes Tool Co. plants here. The other organization defeated the CIO in a similar election a year ago.

NWLB Asked To Act On Transport Srike

NEW YORK—President Michael J. Quill of the Transport Workers Union (CIO) appealed to Natl. War Labor Board Chairman William H. Davis Dec. 12 to take immediate action on the union's dispute with the New York Board of Transportation.

Charging Board Chairman John H. Delaney with attempting to impose "his Hitlerite will on the transit workers," Quill said that he had rejected the TWU's plea to stabilize wages and increase war efficiency and had abruptly halted negotiations with the union.

RALEIGH, N. C.—Gov. J. M. Broughton received a telegram from the Natl. Negro Congress Dec. 12, urging him to pardon William Wellman, Negro construction worker sentenced to die Dec. 18 on a framed charge of attacking a white woman.

Kaiser Asked To Submit Affidavits on Prejudice

Scheduled for Hearing In Portland

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—The NLRB Dec. 16 asked the Henry J. Kaiser shipbuilding interests to submit affidavits supporting their charges that two board members are prejudiced and disqualified to decide an NLRB case involving three Kaiser shipyards.

Attorney Harry F. Morton, representing Kaiser, filed a motion in Seattle, Wash., asking for a change of venue to the National War Labor Board. He charged that Chairman H. A. Millis and Gerard Reilly had made up their minds in advance.

The NLRB complaint of unfair labor practices was based on charges by the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers (CIO) that the Kaiser shipyards had signed closed shop agreements with affiliates of the AFL Metal Trades Department before any appreciable number of employes were hired.

Giving Kaiser until Dec. 26 to file the affidavits, the NLRB specifically invited him to submit statements from Chairman Paul R. Porter of the War Production Board Shipbuilding Stabilization Committee, President John P. Frey of the Metal Trades Department of Labor Advisr Daniel Ring of the Maritime Commission.

Porter, Ring and Frey were said to have attended a meeting at which prejudicial statements were made on which the Kaiser motion was based. In most cases the NLRB has dismissed motions charging prejudice of members, and the courts in many cases have done likewise.

The case is scheduled for hearing in Portland Jan. 11. Meanwhile, conversations among officers of the Metal Trades Department and the CIO union and Economic Stabilization's James Byrnes with a view to settling the dispute were broken off.

Describes Battalion

At the convention of the United Cannery Agriculture Packing and Allied Workers (CIO) Ignacio Josue describes the formation of the first American Filipino Battalion by 1500 members of the Seattle local. (FP)

Condemn Pro-Slavery Movie

Would Create Disunity and Confusion

By Federated Press

NEW YORK, Dec. 22—After seeing a special preview of "Tennessee Johnson," Metro-Goldwyn Mayer's film biography of President Andrew Johnson, representatives of 20 Negro and white organizations warned that its release "would create widespread disunity and confusion."

The statement, directed to MGM and Office of War Information Director Elmer Davis, urged scrapping of the picture. Previous protests against the film's sympathetic treatment of the pro-slavery president resulted in an OWI recommendation that some sections be revised.

"This picture, in effect, is an apology for slavery," the state ent said. "It seeks to distort history by making heroes out of those who did most to tear down the democratic ideal for which we are now fighting.

"At the same time it slanders and defiles one of America's greatest champions of democracy, Thaddeus Stevens, making him appear as little more than a powerful grafting politician who cynically played the cause of Negro freedom.

Representatives of organizations signing the statement include National Negro Congress, Catholic Interracial Council, National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, Negro Victory Labor Committee and New York Urban League.

Crossword Puzzle

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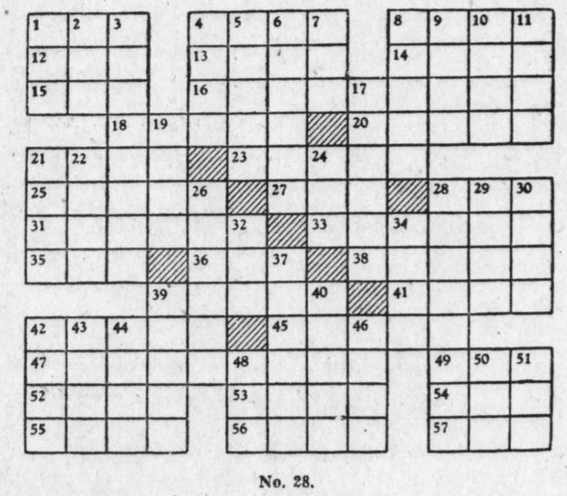

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HORIZONTAL
1 To immerse
4 Bulk
8 Armadillo
12 Anglo-Saxon money
13 Unoccupied
14 Size of type
15 Hearing organ
16 Able to stand stormy weather
18 Item of property
20 Ceremonial acts
21 Japanese drink
23 Decoration for valor
25 Archaic: about
27 Ditch
28 Pronoun
31 German dramatist
33 Kind of hat
35 Insect
36 Fabulous bird
38 Roundup
39 Male singer
41 Female buffoon
42 Hawaiian: good-by
45 Biblical name
47 Small cup
49 First woman
52 Arabian seaport
53 End of hammerhead
54 Insect egg
55 Long hair
56 Noted Italian family
57 Beverage

VERTICAL
1 Deer
2 Man's name
3 Kind of parrot
4 To fail to hit
5 Law: to take away
6 Severe critic
7 To mend
8 Month
9 English statesman
10 To pain
11 Beams
17 Public speaker
19 Dispatched
21 Icelandic legend
22 Erelong
24 To call
26 Menace
28 Needy
29 To abound
30 Greek portico
32 Vast age
34 City in Alaska
37 Thickets
39 Achaic: yours
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42 First man
43 Mythological Greek queen
44 Sign
46 Smooth
48 To imitate
50 To contend
51 Greek letter

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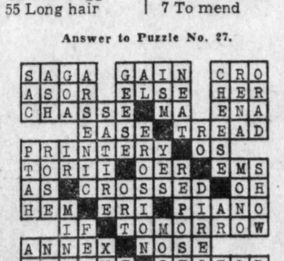

Series C-42—WNU Release.

Paratroops in Training

By Quentin Reynolds

(WNU Feature—Through special arrangement with Collier's Weekly)

It is lamentably true that neither Britain nor America paid much attention to the training of parachutists until successive German victories were scored by her men who jumped from the sky.

German parachutists have contributed largely to every important British defeat. After taking Holland and Belgium with parachutists in major roles, the Germans used them at Dunkirk and in Crete and Greece, and they helped at Tobruk.

Now, belatedly, both America and Britain are doing what the resourceful Russians did so many years ago. They are finally thinking of parachutists as an attacking force.

The training of a parachutist is an interesting affair—to the spectator. At the British airdrome I visited, a hangar had been converted into what looked like a huge gymnasium. About 300 men were swinging back and forth on trapezes, doing tumbling acts on heavy mats, dropping through an opening to the floor, ten feet below, sliding down chutes. Instructors kept barking at them.

First Lesson for Paratroopers.

"Relax when you fall," an instructor shouted, just as football coaches have shouted for years. That is the first lesson a paratrooper learns—how to fall without getting his brains knocked out. Then on the swings he learns to turn his body while in the air.

One slight man in the uniform of the RAF, with the stripes of a flight lieutenant on his sleeve, was all over the place, snapping out orders.

"He seems to know his business," I said to the commanding officer who stood with me.

"He should," the C. O. said dryly. "He's made more jumps than any other man alive. That's Harry Ward, whom they call the Birdman. Made more than 1,500 jumps."

We talked about the qualities that go to make a good paratrooper. A few days of land training and two jumps from a balloon and they're ready for real business—that is dropping from an airplane. The American and British methods differ widely at present. Our American troops usually jump from well over a thousand feet. In training, the British troops jump from 800 feet. The chute itself opens after a man has fallen 70 feet. He then comes down at the rate of 19 feet per second. In actual operations, the drops are made from 500 feet or lower.

It takes a man about 23 seconds to make that downhill trip.

The use of the ripcord has been abolished in Britain's parachute circles. A belt is fastened to the fuselage of the plane, and its other end is hooked onto the parachute cover. As he drops, the belt jerks the cover off and the parachute opens.

I watched men drop from the skies one whole afternoon and part of one night, and of the 500 or so jumps made, there was only one casualty, and that only a bump on the head.

An instructor stands in the middle of the plain where the men are to land. In his hand is a microphone, and a large loudspeaker is beside him. He talks to the men as they float down. The men drop in "sticks" of two, five or ten. They drop (if they obey orders) straight and stiffly, although the slip stream from the aircraft sometimes grabs them and whirls them about. Then the parachute jerks open and they hear the voice of the instructor.

"Number one — you're coming down nicely," he'll say, and his voice is clear in the earphones of the man 800 feet above.

"Number two—reach up and grab the straps!" "Number three—bend your knees a little!"

As the men land, they invariably fall, but they fall as a football player does, with elbows well in, feet together, and the whole body relaxed.

After a man has made seven jumps he tries it at night. There is no actual difference in the technique. The commanding officer put on a night show for me.

Four big Whitleys came over, dark black against a moonlight sky. Then, almost simultaneously, ten men dropped from each aircraft.

This as closely as possible approximated the conditions they'll face when they are dropped in France or Norway or Belgium or Germany one of these days.

Night parachuting is the most effective of all, because the element of surprise is to some extent, with you. Even on such a moon-bathed night as this, it would be difficult for enemy marksmen to kill men floating down, unless they expected them at the right moment. When the men landed, they ran to the colored parachutes which carry guns, ammunition and food

Authority Given

WASHINGTON (FP)—The National War Labor Board has given authority to settle wage adjustments of employes to the Federal Reserve System, U. S. Employment Service and the secretary of the interior, as well as to the Army and Navy. In all, from 62,000 to 67,000 employes are affected.

Same Old Story

Lack of Planning Slows Production

By Federated Press

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 22 (FP)—Although the need for war material is greater now than ever before, one important Buffalo war plant is one-third idle and another in nearby Tonawanda is producing only one-fourth of capacity, the Buffalo Union Leader, CIO newspaper, charges.

Declaring that the situation is not the fault of the company or the United Steelworkers (CIO) but can be blamed on the lack of centralized war planning, the newspaper said the Buffalo plant is the American Car & Foundry Co. and the other is the Buffalo Steel Co.

United Steelworkers Rep. Edward Janiak says that th ACF plant's production was curtailed for lack of steel, but that the plant is equipped to handle subcontract work which would not require raw steel.

Production at Tonawanda was reduced when the government forbade the use of reinforcing bars on rail in order to save steel for other purposes. The rail however has been piled up in the plant and the steel in it is going to waste.

"We feel," CIO Council Pres. Thomas F. Casey said, "that these are production crimes. Both these plants could turn out subcontract material. And if ACF is one of the finest equipped plants, we feel they should get orders for shells and have other plants now making them convert to other war production."

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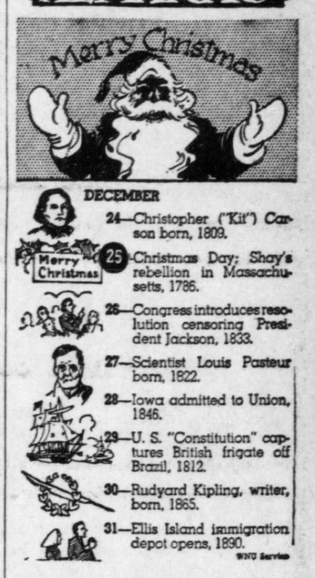
Merry Christmas
DECEMBER
24—Christopher ("Kit") Carson born, 1809.
25—Christmas Day; Shay's rebellion in Massachusetts, 1786.
26—Congress introduces resolution censoring President Jackson, 1833.
27—Scientist Louis Pasteur born, 1822.
28—Iowa admitted to Union, 1846.
29—U. S. "Constitution" captures British frigate off Brazil, 1812.
30—Rudyard Kipling, writer, born, 1865.
31—Ellis Island immigration depot opens, 1890.
WNU Service

NWLB Ends Newspaper Strike

Arbitration Ordered By Government

By Federated Press

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—The 4-day strike of 3,000 members of the Newspaper & Mail Deliverers Union (unaffiliated) against the New York Publishers Assn. ended Dec. 17 after the Natl. War Labor Board ordered arbitration.

The decision of the arbitration board, appointed by the NWLB, will be final binding, but any provision affecting wages is subject to NWLB approval.

"The attitude of our members," Union Atty. Louis Waldman said, "is that they can have all sorts of differences with the publishers, but they cannot have any differences with the government. The members voted unanimously to accept the decision of the strike committee which has confidence in the War Labor Board and the ultimate justice of its decision."

The most pressing issue of the strike, which was called after 6 months of futile negotiations, was the union's demand that jobs be protected for the war's duration from the publishers' greed for greater profits.

Circulation of New York's major daily newspapers, with the exception of PM and the Brooklyn Eagle, was almost completely stopped. The New York Times called out a small force of $10,000-a-year men to hawk papers in the lobby and on the street outside the building after union workers refused to scab. At the Post, the only available newsboy was Exec. Editor T. O. Thackrey, who sold papers in his 3rd floor office.

AFL, CIO Urge Central Civilian War Agency

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON—Total mobilization of the maximum war production demands a centralization of all production and procurement functions of government in one top-ranking agency, AFL Research Director Borish Shishkin testified Dec. 16.

CIO Director of Research and Education J. Raymond Walsh, reading in his absence a statement which was to have been given by CIO President Philip Murray, said only such an over-all civilian body can coordinate war production.

Both told the Senate Small Business Committee, headed by Senator James E. Murray, Democrat, Montana, of tireless efforts organized labor has made to insolve little business in war production.

"In the past two years the AFL has submitted to government agencies many plans, program, and suggestions designed to expedite production and accelerate conversion," said Shishkin.

"Labor's real participation in war production administration has not yet been achieved. Labor's full contribution to war production planning has not yet been made. Advance knowledge of policy and administration developments has been withheld from the representatives of the workers concerned.

"Real opportunity to contribute fully of their experience, knowledge and skill in expediting war production still remains to be accorded to America's workers."

Cites Bungling

Murray's statement as read by Walsh cited grave instances of bungling which would be corrected under an over-all Office of War Mobilization freed of military control, in command of a single director who, as Senator Claude Pepper, Democrat, Florida, said, would have a board of farmers, labor and management to make orders stick.

He cited the waste of nickel and molybdenum by the United States Steel Corp. and the Republic Steel Corp., and he told of the rescue of the armor plate program by 31 small businesses when an armor plate shortage slowed tank output.

Nevertheless, despite the inefficiency and incompetence in procuring armor plate from the big companies, he said, the Standard Steel Spring Pool, made up of the small firms, is now threatened with elimination.

The threat lies in a new armor plate plant being built by the United States Steel Corp. at Gary, Ind., with some $38,000,000 of government funds, a project of the War Department's Ordnance Division and not the War Production Board.

After President Murray and assistant President Clinton S. Golden of United Steel Workers (CIO) repeatedly urged an investigation, pointing out that the pool could produce all the needed heavy armor plate in already established plants. construction of the Gary plant was halted—after critically needel materials were used in it.

He pointed out that correspondence with the WPB showed that it had no real authority in such matters, and that there still is danger the Gary plant may be completed and given all the pool's business. He suggested instead that it be used for aluminum production.

Back Tolan Pepper Kilgore Bill

All of this pointed to the need of an Office of War Mobilization as called for in the Tolan Pepper-Kilgore bills, Murray's statement said.

The small companies, he added. used steel from three firms that did not use any nickel and used less molybdenum than the large companies used. It stood up just as well as theirs in ballistics tests. But WPB told the union that the Army would not drop nickel from the plate produced by the two big companies.

"One civilian administrator for all procurement and production can do more for small business than a dozen programs directed at individual phases of the problem," said Shiskin, who praised the Senate committee for its contributions.

Little effort had been made to enable firms affected by the change over to war production to transfer their facilities and labor directly to war operation, said Shiskin. He cited the role of the AFL in conversions of some industries.

The first program of concentration, in the stove industry, was carried out with the close cooperation of AFL unions. Equally active was the part played by AFL unions in the concentration of the paper and pulp industry in the northwest. Union spokesmen suggested the farm equipment concentration program, he said.

Fish Resigns Foreign Affairs Position

Will Combat "Bureaucrats"

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18—Rep. Hamilton Fish, Republican, New York, resigned from the foreign affairs committee today with a lot of words about how he was going to devote his full time to seeing to it that the "bureaucrats" at home didn't regiment people's lives.

Behind his familiar words, used with monotonous regularity by anti-administration forces in Congress, lay the report that Representative Fish is embarrassing to his own Republican Party and that they had urged his resignation.

Not that they necessarily disagree with him, but he is in such bad odor and his appeasement tactics so exposed on the foreign affairs committee that his own party cohorts thought it best he absent himself, it was said.

Montgomery-Ward Will Obey President

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—Montgomery Ward & Co., having provided the anti-labor and anti-administration columnists and editorial writers with material for solemn pronunciamentos on how much power the Congress gave the President, is now going to do as told.

President Sewell Avery authorized a statement that the company's Chicago plant would promptly obey President Roosevelt's telegranm and letter directing the company to comply "without further delay" to a National War Labor Board ruling.

This is the second time the President has directed the mail order house to conform to the NWLB's order to incorporate a maintenance of membership clause in its contract with the United Retail Wholesale and Department Store Employes (CIO). A wage increase ordered by the board went into effect earlier.

After Avery promised to obey the President as commander-in-chief, the company tried to insert a clause that it was including the union security provision only under "duress." The union reported it to the board, who in a stormy session heard company spokesmen defy the board's authority and even the President's as illegal.

Board members representing industry spoke heatedly about Montgomery Ward's paid advertisements and their "untruths and half-truths" and Prof. Wayne L. Morse of the board said the company was "welching."

Social Security Number Will Not Locate People

If your husband left home to find work in a defense plant or if your brother who, when last heard from, was employed in the shipyards or airplane factory and you have not heard from him for some time, don't write to the Social Security Board for information regarding his whereabouts because they can't tell you, said Mr. S. H. Ourbacker, manager of the Social Security Board field office. Mr. Ourbacker explained that many people think the board can locate workers through social security account numbers, which is not the case.

It was emphasized that regulations of the Social Security Board, adopted in accordance with the act, do not permit the disclosure of information pertaining to the records of the Board except in specific cases. Such cases must be for use only in connection with the administration of the old-age and survivors insurance program, unemployment compensation and public assistance programs.

Social Security account number cards are used in connection with the posting of wage credits to the account number holder and should not be accepted by banks or merchants as identification of individuals seeking to secure cash or merchandise on checks or orders, according to Mr. Ourbacker.

Ditzel Goes To Army

Joe Ditzel, international organizer, serving under Regional Director Richard Gosser since last August, left Sunday, Dec. 20, for the army.

Brother Ditzel, who was a member of Local 14, was formerly employed at the Chevrolet-Ohio Co. and was well known for his work with that union.

Before leaving for the army, Brother Ditzel had charge of the successful Lickendorf strike and saw the union recognized with a substantial wage adjustment.

Inducted at Camp Perry, Brother Ditzel will be sent to one of the army camps and will write as soon as he has been permanently stationed.

Health Field

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the so-called Roosevelt recession.

Health hazards have been increased in many war plants by having three shifts, which makes cleaning, repair of machines and general safety work harder to squeeze in; by crowding of more machines in the same floor space, multiplying the dangers of accident and in some cases the output of toxic gases and dusts; by the limited number of fans and blowers and less attention given them by management; and by the larger volume of night work, crowding of street cars and buses, reduced temperatures and increased strain on family life.

At a time when the union's opportunity to serve the members in the ordinary channels of wage negotiations and conducting strikes is adversely affected by war requirements, the importance of other fields of service is keenly understood by the union leadership and just as keenly appreciated by the membership.

CIO Asks Removal Of Biddle

DETROIT—(FP)—Removal of Attorney General Francis Biddle because of his unfair prosecution of State Senator Stanley Nowak in his naturalization indictment was asked of President Roosevelt Dec. 14 by the Detroit and Wayne County CIO Council by an overwhelming vote.

Two days later the UAW Detroit Tool & Die Council unanimously supported the Nowak defense and contributed $50 to the defense fund.

Nowak, foremost labor spokesman in the Michigan senate for the last two terms and reelected for a third term last November, terms ridiculous the government charge that he falsely stated that he did not belong to an organization seeking to overthrow the givernment. The CIO council said the indictment of Nowak is "an indictment against the entire labor movement" and an attempt to undermine the war effort."

Social Security Board Saves Tires

Due to the necessity of conserving rubber and Government funds for war purposes, representatives of the Social Security office of his office will travel by bus or train and that the present schedule provides for a reduction of 60 percent in travel compared with a year ago, according to S. H. Ourbacker, local board manager.

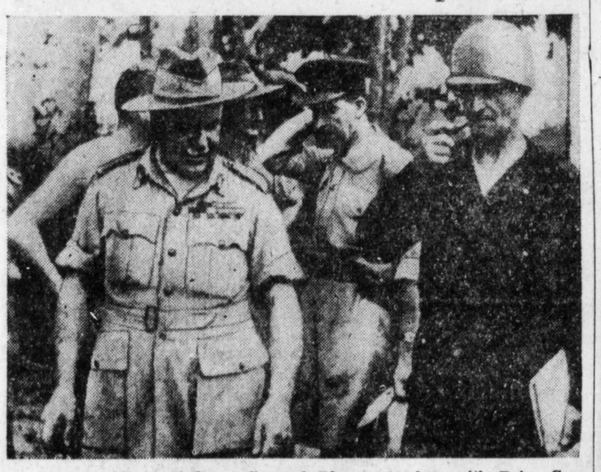
Itinerant stations, which are central locations where claimants and employers may meet representatives at stated times, were redued last summer from ten to six in the ten counties served by the ofice. The present itinerant stations are at Tiffin on each Tuesday; Fremont on Thursday; Bryan, the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month; Port Clinton, the 3rd Monday of each month. All of these stations are held at post office buildings starting at 1:00 p. m.

It is highly important, Mr. Ourbacker explained, that persons wishing to file claims get in touch with the offices as soon as possible because claims filed by wage earners themselves cannot be made retroactive to the sixty-fifth birthday. Claims filed by survivors of deceased wage earners can be made retroactive only to the third month back.

Rest in Desert After 60 Hours of Fighting

An American-made tank, serving with a New Zealand division in Libya, halts while its crew, exhausted by 60 hours of continuous fighting, rests. This picture, received by the New Zealand legation in Washington, was taken during the Egypt-Libyan offensive which has driven General Rommel and his men to El Agheila, Libya.

Generals Meet for Attack on Japs in Buna



At an undisclosed base, General Blamey confers with Brig. Gen. Hanford MacNider (with pipe) during preparations for an attack on Jap-held Buna, in New Guinea. General MacNider received eight wounds in this attack when a Jap rifle grenade exploded.

Yum, Yum, 30,000 Pounds of Horsemeat!

Bostonians who never ate horse meat before will now have a chance to try out this delicacy. The first shipment of 30,000 pounds of horse meat has arrived, and the whole town is talking about it. Shown above Boston butchers are inspecting the new shipment. A taste for horse meat, like a taste for olives, has to be cultivated.

Always Being Bossed by Corporals

Members of the German armistice commission in French Morocco, captured by U. S. forces who landed there during the North African operations, are shown being marched off for internment by an American corporal. Taking orders from a corporal is nothing new for them. That was Der Fuehrer's rank in the German army.

Leaves Union For Army

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Frank Grillo, who resigned his post as secretary-treasurer of the United Rubber Workers of America, CIO, to enlist as a private in the armed forces, is sworn in by Major H. W. Layer at the Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C. Grillo, now a corporal, first national officer of a labor union to enlist in the Army, was director of his organization's successful War Bond Drive, which set a pattern for other industries. Corporal Grillo has been released half-time to the Treasury Department by order of the Under Secretary of War, so that h might assist in organizing industry drives in steel, shipbuilding, arcraft and other base war industries.

Getting Ready for Action Aboard U. S. Carrier

Lunch during general quarters on a U. S. fighting ship is where it happens to find you. Sandwiches, cookies and coffee—plenty of coffee, from the looks of things—refreshes the deck crew (left) of this aircraft carrier as it plows towards the enemy. Right, a U. S. sailor straightens out the belts of .50 caliber machine gun bullets—calling cards for the nation's foes—in the magazine of the carrier.

U. S. Army Nurses Arrive in Middle East

United States army nurses are gradually being sent to every United Nations front. It is their job to care for the wounded and to do everything possible to make sure that injured fighting men will fight again. A group of army nurses is shown here on the East African front waiting for a train to take them to their various units.

Sent Home to Grow

U. S. marine corps private George B. Holle, above, was sent back to his Eau Claire, Wis., home after it came to light that in spite of his six-foot-one-inch height, George is only 13 years old. Young Holle enlisted in the marine corps 13 months ago when he was but 12, and after completing recruit training last December he was sent to a South Pacific base. Here, after more than six months at this base, his age was discovered.

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